



BID NO.: 9137-1/11

**OPENING: 2:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26, 2009**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**I N V I T A T I O N
T O B I D**

TITLE:

**LANDSCAPING AND LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SPECIAL TAX
DISTRICTS DIVISION**

THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS BID, AS NOTED BELOW:

EQUIPMENT LIST:.....	SEE SECTION 2.0, PARAGRAPH 2.37.3
EXPEDITED PURCHASING PROGRAM (EPP)	N/A
INDEMNIFICATION/INSURANCE:.....	SEE SECTION 2.0, PARAGRAPH 2.11
LIVING WAGE:	SEE SECTION 2.0, PARAGRAPH 2.32
PRE-BID CONFERENCE/WALK-THRU:.....	SEE SECTION 2.0, PARAGRAPH 2.3
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MEASURE:.....	SEE SECTION 2.0, PARAGRAPH 2.2
SITE VISIT:	SEE SECTION 2.0, PARAGRAPH 2.8
USER ACCESS PROGRAM:	SEE SECTION 2.0, PARAGRAPH 2.21
WRITTEN WARRANTY:	N/A

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

R. Campbell at 305-375-3233, or at rcamp@miamidade.gov

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

COMPLETE AND RETURN ALL AFFIDAVITS WITH BID SUBMITTAL FORMS

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT
PURCHASING DIVISION**

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOCAL PREFERENCE ON
PAGE 38 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE VENDOR
INELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE**

**FAILURE TO SIGN PAGE 38 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM WILL RENDER
YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE**



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

INVITATION TO BID

Bid Number: 9137-1/11

**Title: LANDSCAPING AND LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS
DIVISION**

Procurement Contracting Agent: R. Campbell

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Bids will be publicly opened. The County provides equal access and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs or services. It is our policy to make all communication available to the public, including those who may be visually or hearing impaired. If you require information in a non-traditional format please call 305-375-5278.

Instructions: The Clerk of the Board business hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Additionally, the Clerk of the Board is closed on holidays observed by the County. Each Bid submitted to the Clerk of the Board shall have the following information clearly marked on the face of the envelope: the Bidders name, return address, Bid number, opening date of the Bid and the title of the Bid. Included in the envelope shall be an original and two copies of the Bid Submittal, plus attachments if applicable. The Bidder may, at Bidder's option, also provide the Excel file containing the information on the Vendor Pricing document on CD or Diskette. The file to be provided is to be downloaded at [HTTP://SERVICES.MIAMIDADE.GOV/DPM/SOLICITATIONLIST.ASPX](http://services.miamidade.gov/dpm/solicitationlist.aspx). Failure to comply with this requirement may result in your Bid not being considered for award.

All Bids received time and date stamped by the Clerk of the Board prior to the bid submittal deadline shall be accepted as timely submitted. The circumstances surrounding all bids received and time stamped by the Clerk of the Board after the bid submittal deadline will be evaluated by the procuring department, in consultation with the County Attorney's Office, to determine whether the bid will be accepted as timely.

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS:

- **FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM WILL RENDER YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- **THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM CONTAINS IMPORTANT CERTIFICATIONS THAT REQUIRE REVIEW AND COMPLETION BY ANY VENDOR RESPONDING TO THIS SOLICITATION**

SECTION 1
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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1.1. DEFINITIONS

Bid – shall refer to any offer(s) submitted in response to this solicitation.

Bidder – shall refer to anyone submitting a Bid in response to this solicitation.

Bid Solicitation – shall mean this solicitation documentation, including any and all addenda.

Bid Submittal Form – defines the requirement of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with Bid. The Bidder should indicate its name in the appropriate space on each page.

County – shall refer to Miami-Dade County, Florida

DPM – shall refer to Miami-Dade County's Department of Procurement Management.

Enrolled Vendor – shall refer to a firm that has completed the necessary documentation in order to receive Bid notifications from the County.

Registered Vendor – shall refer to a firm that has completed the Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration Application and has satisfied all requirements to enter into business agreements with the County.

The Vendor Registration Package – shall refer to the Business Entity Registration Application.

For additional information about on-line vendor enrollment or vendor registration contact the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, FL 33128, Phone 305-375-5773. Vendors can enroll online and obtain forms to register by visiting our web site at www.miamidade.gov/dpm

1.2. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**A. Bidder Qualification**

It is the policy of the County to encourage full and open competition among all available qualified vendors. All vendors regularly engaged in the type of work specified in the Bid Solicitation are encouraged to submit Bids. Vendors may enroll with the County to be included on a notification list for selected categories of goods and services. To be eligible for award of a contract (including small purchase orders), Bidders must become a Registered Vendor. Only Registered Vendors can be awarded County contracts. Vendors are required to register with the County by contacting the Vendor Assistance Unit. The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all qualified small business enterprises. For information and to apply for certification, contact the Department of Small Business Development at 111 N.W. 1 Street, 19th Floor, Miami, FL 33128-1900, or telephone at 305-375-3111. County employees and board members wishing to do business with the County are referred to Section 2-11.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code relating to Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics.

B. Vendor Registration

To be recommended for award the County requires that vendors complete a Miami-Dade County Vendor Registration Package. Effective June 1, 2008, a new Vendor Registration Package, including a Uniform Affidavit Packet (Affidavit form), must be completed by vendors and returned to the Department of Procurement Management (DPM), Vendor Assistance Unit, within fourteen (14) days of notification of the intent to recommend for award. In the event the Vendor Registration Package is not properly completed and returned within the specified time, the County may in its sole discretion, award to the next lowest responsive, responsible Bidder. The Bidder is responsible for obtaining the Vendor Registration Package, including all affidavits by downloading from the DPM website at www.miamidade.gov or from the Vendor Assistance Unit at 111 N.W. 1st Street, 13th Floor, Miami, FL 33128.

Bidders are required to affirm that all information submitted with the Vendor Registration Package is current, complete and accurate, at the time they submit a response to a Bid Solicitation, by completing the provided Affirmation of Vendor Affidavit form.

In becoming a Registered Vendor with Miami-Dade County, the vendor confirms its knowledge of and commitment to comply with the following:

1. **Miami-Dade County Ownership Disclosure Affidavit**
(Sec. 2-8.1 of the County Code)

2. **Miami-Dade County Employment Disclosure Affidavit**
(County Ordinance No. 90-133, amending Section 2-8-1(d)(2) of the County Code)
3. **Miami-Dade County Employment Drug-free Workplace Certification**
(Section 2-8.1.2(b) of the County Code)
4. **Miami-Dade Disability and Nondiscrimination Affidavit**
(Article 1, Section 2-8.1.5 Resolution R182-00 Amending R-385-95)
5. **Miami-Dade County Debarment Disclosure Affidavit**
(Section 10.38 of the County Code)
6. **Miami-Dade County Vendor Obligation to County Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.1 of the County Code)
7. **Miami-Dade County Code of Business Ethics Affidavit**
(Article 1, Section 2-8.1(i) and 2-11(b)(1) of the County Code through (6) and (9) of the County Code and County Ordinance No 00-1 amending Section 2-11.1(c) of the County Code)
8. **Miami-Dade County Family Leave Affidavit**
(Article V of Chapter 11 of the County Code)
9. **Miami-Dade County Living Wage Affidavit**
(Section 2-8.9 of the County Code)
10. **Miami-Dade County Domestic Leave and Reporting Affidavit**
(Article 8, Section 11A-60 11A-67 of the County Code)
11. **Subcontracting Practices**
(Ordinance 97-35)
12. **Subcontractor /Supplier Listing**
(Ordinance 97-104)
13. **Environmentally Acceptable Packaging**
Resolution (R-738-92)
14. **W-9 and 8109 Forms**
The vendor must furnish these forms as required by the Internal Revenue Service.
15. **Social Security Number**
In order to establish a file for your firm, you must provide your firm's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). If no FEIN exists, the Social Security Number of the owner or individual must be provided. This number becomes your "County Vendor Number". To comply with Section 119.071(5) of the Florida Statutes relating to the collection of an individual's Social Security Number, be aware that DPM requests the Social Security Number for the following purposes:
 - Identification of individual account records
 - To make payments to individual/vendor for goods and services provided to Miami-Dade County
 - Tax reporting purposes
 - To provide a unique identifier in the vendor database that may be used for searching and sorting departmental records
16. **Office of the Inspector General**
Pursuant to Section 2-1076 of the County Code.
17. **Small Business Enterprises**
The County endeavors to obtain the participation of all small business enterprises pursuant to Sections 2-8.2, 2-8.2.3 and 2-8.2.4 of the County Code and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
18. **Antitrust Laws**
By acceptance of any contract, the vendor agrees to comply with all antitrust laws of the United States and the State of Florida.
- C. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**
To be eligible for award of a contract, firms wishing to do business with the County must comply with the following:

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Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a Bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a Bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit Bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

D. Request for Additional Information

1. Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(f) of the County Code, all Bid Solicitations, once advertised and until an award recommendation has been forwarded to the appropriate authority are under the "Cone of Silence". Any communication or inquiries, except for clarification of process or procedure already contained in the solicitation, are to be made in writing to the attention of the Procurement Agent identified on the front page of the solicitation. Such inquiries or request for information shall be submitted to the procurement agent in writing and shall contain the requester's name, address, and telephone number. If transmitted by facsimile, the request should also include a cover sheet with Bidder's facsimile number. The requestor must also file a copy of this written request with the Clerk of the Board, 111 NW 1st Street, 17th Floor, suite 202, Miami, Florida 33128-1983 or email clerkbcc@miamidade.gov.
2. The Department of Procurement Management may issue an addendum in response to any inquiry received, prior to Bid opening, which changes, adds to or clarifies the terms, provisions or requirements of the solicitation. The Bidder should not rely on any representation, statement or explanation whether written or verbal, other than those made in this Bid Solicitation document or in any addenda issued. Where there appears to be a conflict between this Bid Solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued shall prevail.
3. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda, and any accompanying documentation. The Bidder is required to submit with its Bid a signed "Acknowledgment of Addenda" form, when any addenda have been issued.

E. Contents of Bid Solicitation and Bidders' Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to become thoroughly familiar with the Bid requirements, terms and conditions of this solicitation. Pleas of ignorance by the Bidder of conditions that exist or that may exist will not be accepted as a basis for varying the requirements of the County, or the compensation to be paid to the Bidder.
2. In the event a Bidder wishes to protest any part of the General Conditions, Special Conditions and/or Technical Specifications contained in the Bid Solicitation it must file a notice of protest in writing with the issuing department no later than 48 hours prior to the Bid opening date and hour specified in the solicitation. Failure to file a timely notice of protest will constitute a waiver of proceedings.
3. This solicitation is subject to all legal requirements contained in the applicable County Ordinances, Administrative Orders, and Resolutions, as well as all applicable State and Federal Statutes. Where conflict exists between this Bid Solicitation and these legal requirements, the authority shall prevail in the following order: Federal, State and local.
4. It is the responsibility of the Bidder/Proposer, prior to conducting any lobbying regarding this solicitation to file the appropriate form with the Clerk of the Board stating that a particular lobbyist is authorized to represent the Bidder/Proposer. The Bidder/Proposer shall also file a form with the Clerk of the Board at the point in time at which a lobbyist is no longer authorized to represent said Bidder/ Proposer. Failure of a Bidder/Proposer to file the appropriate form required, in relation to each solicitation, may be considered as evidence that the Bidder/Proposer is not a responsible contractor.

F. Change or Withdrawal of Bids

1. Changes to Bid - Prior to the scheduled Bid opening a Bidder may change its Bid by submitting a new Bid, (as indicated on the cover page) with a letter in writing on the firms letterhead, signed by an

authorized agent stating that the new submittal replaces the original submittal. The new submittal shall contain the letter and all information as required for submitting the original Bid. No changes to a Bid will be accepted after the Bid has been opened.

2. Withdrawal of Bid – A Bid shall be irrevocable unless the Bid is withdrawn as provided herein. Only a written letter received by DPM prior to the Bid opening date may withdraw a bid. A bid may also be withdrawn ninety (90) days after the Bid has been opened and prior to award, by submitting a letter to the contact person identified on the front cover of this Bid Solicitation. The withdrawal letter must be on company letterhead and signed by an authorized agent of the Bidder.

G. Conflicts Within The Bid Solicitation

Where there appears to be a conflict between the General Terms and Conditions, Special Conditions, the Technical Specifications, the Bid Submittal Section, or any addendum issued, the order of precedence shall be: the last addendum issued, the Bid Submittal Section, the Technical Specifications, the Special Conditions, and then the General Terms and Conditions.

H. Prompt Payment Terms

1. It is the policy of Miami-Dade County that payment for all purchases by County agencies and the Public Health Trust shall be made in a timely manner and that interest payments be made on late payments. In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 218.74 and Section 2-8.1.4 of the Miami-Dade County Code, the time at which payment shall be due from the County or the Public Health Trust shall be forty-five (45) days from receipt of a proper invoice. The time at which payment shall be due to small businesses shall be thirty (30) days from receipt of a proper invoice. All payments due from the County or the Public Health Trust, and not made within the time specified by this section, shall bear interest from thirty (30) days after the due date at the rate of one percent (1%) per month on the unpaid balance. Further, proceedings to resolve disputes for payment of obligations shall be concluded by final written decision of the County Manager, or his or her designee(s), not later than sixty (60) days after the date on which the proper invoice was received by the County or the Public Health Trust.
2. The Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payments; however, such discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest price during bid evaluation. Bidders are requested to provide prompt payment terms in the space provided on the Bid submittal signature page of the solicitation.

1.3. PREPARATION OF BIDS

- A. The Bid submittal form defines requirements of items to be purchased, and must be completed and submitted with the Bid. Use of any other form will result in the rejection of the Bidder's offer.
- B. The Bid submittal form must be legible. Bidders shall use typewriter, computer or ink. All changes must be crossed out and initialed in ink. Failure to comply with these requirements may cause the Bid to be rejected.
- C. An authorized agent of the Bidder's firm must sign the Bid submittal form. **FAILURE TO SIGN THE BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- D. The Bidder may be considered non-responsive if bids are conditioned to modifications, changes, or revisions to the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
- E. The Bidder may submit alternate Bid(s) for the same solicitation provided that such offer is allowable under the terms and conditions. The alternate Bid must meet or exceed the minimum requirements and be submitted on a separate Bid submittal marked "Alternate Bid".
- F. When there is a discrepancy between the unit prices and any extended prices, the unit prices will prevail.
- G. An optional electronic submittal shall not be considered a part of the bid if it differs in any respect from the required manual submittal in the original hard copy.

1.4. CANCELLATION OF BID SOLICITATION

Miami-Dade County reserves the right to cancel, in whole or in part, any Invitation to Bid when it is in the best interest of the County.

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1.5. AWARD OF BID SOLICITATION

- A. This Bid may be awarded to the responsible Bidder meeting all requirements as set forth in the solicitation. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities or technicalities and to re-advertise for all or any part of this Bid Solicitation as deemed in its best interest. The County shall be the sole judge of its best interest.
- B. When there are multiple line items in a solicitation, the County reserves the right to award on an individual item basis, any combination of items, total low Bid or in whichever manner deemed in the best interest of the County.
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids if it is determined that prices are excessive, best offers are determined to be unreasonable, or it is otherwise determined to be in the County's best interest to do so.
- D. The County reserves the right to negotiate prices with the low bidder, provided that the scope of work of this solicitation remains the same.
- E. Award of this Bid Solicitation will only be made to firms that have completed the Miami-Dade County Business Entity Registration Application and that satisfy all necessary legal requirements to do business with Miami-Dade County. Firms domiciled in Miami-Dade County must present a copy of their Miami-Dade County issued Local Business Tax Receipt.
- F. Pursuant to County Code Section 2-8.1(g), the Bidder's performance as a prime contractor or subcontractor on previous County contracts shall be taken into account in evaluating the Bid received for this Bid Solicitation.
- G. To obtain a copy of the Bid tabulation, Bidder(s) shall enclose an appropriately sized self-addressed stamped envelope or make a request by e-mail. Bid results will not be given by telephone or facsimile.
- H. The Bid Solicitation, any addenda and/or properly executed modifications, the purchase order, and any change order(s) shall constitute the contract.
- I. In accordance with Resolution R-1574-88, the Director of DPM will decide all tie Bids.
- J. Award of this Bid may be predicated on compliance with and submittal of all required documents as stipulated in the Bid Solicitation.
- K. The County reserves the right to request and evaluate additional information from any bidder after the submission deadline as the County deems necessary.

1.6. CONTRACT EXTENSION

- A. The County reserves the right to exercise its option to extend a contract for up to one hundred-eighty (180) calendar days beyond the current contract period and will notify the contractor in writing of the extension.
- B. This contract may be extended beyond the initial one hundred-eighty (180) day extension period upon mutual agreement between the County and the successful Bidder(s) upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

1.7. WARRANTY

All warranties express and implied, shall be made available to the County for goods and services covered by this Bid Solicitation. All goods furnished shall be fully guaranteed by the successful Bidder against factory defects and workmanship. At no expense to the County, the successful Bidder shall correct any and all apparent and latent defects that may occur within the manufacturer's standard warranty. The Special Conditions of the Bid Solicitation may supersede the manufacturer's standard warranty.

1.8. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Estimated quantities or dollars are for Bidder's guidance only: (a) estimates are based on the County's anticipated needs and/or usage during a previous contract period and; (b) the County may use these estimates to determine the low Bidder. Estimated quantities do not contemplate or include possible additional quantities that may be ordered by other government, quasi-government or non-profit entities utilizing this contract under the Joint Purchase portion of the County User Access Program (UAP) described in Section 2.21 of this contract solicitation and the resulting contract, if that section is present in this solicitation document. No guarantee is expressed or implies as to quantities or dollars that will be used during the contract period. The

County is not obligated to place any order for the given amount subsequent to the award of this Bid Solicitation.

1.9. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

It is the intent of the County to enter into an agreement with the successful Bidder that will satisfy its needs as describe herein. However, the County reserves the right as deemed in its best interest to perform, or cause to be performed, the work and services, or any portion thereof, herein described in any manner it sees fit, including but not limited to: award of other contracts, use of any contractor, or perform the work with its own employees.

1.10. LOCAL PREFERENCE

The evaluation of competitive bids is subject to Section 2-8.5 of the Miami-Dade County Code, which, except where contrary to federal and state law, or any other funding source requirements, provides that preference be given to local businesses. A local business shall be defined as:

1. a business that has a valid Local Business Tax Receipt, issued by Miami-Dade County at least one year prior to bid or proposal submission, that is appropriate for the goods, services or construction to be purchased;
2. a business that has physical business address located within the limits of Miami-Dade County from which the vendor operates or performs business. Post Office Boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address; and
3. a business that contributes to the economic development and well-being of Miami-Dade County in a verifiable and measurable way. This may include but not be limited to the retention and expansion of employment opportunities and the support and increase in the County's tax base. To satisfy this requirement, the vendor shall affirm in writing its compliance with either of the following objective criteria as of the bid or proposal submission date stated in the solicitation:
 - (a) vendor has at least ten (10) permanent full time employees, or part time employees equivalent to 10 FTE ("full-time equivalent" employees working 40 hours per week) that live in Miami-Dade County, or at least 25% of its employees that live in Miami-Dade County, or
 - (b) vendor contributes to the County's tax base by paying either real property taxes or tangible personal property taxes to Miami-Dade County, or
 - (c) some other verifiable and measurable contribution to the economic development and well-being of Miami-Dade County.

When there is a responsive bid from a Miami-Dade local business within 10% of the lowest price submitted by a responsive non-local business, the local business and the non-local low bidder shall have the opportunity to submit a best and final bid equal to or lower than the amount of the low bid previously submitted by the non-local business.

At this time, there is an interlocal agreement in effect between Miami-Dade and Broward Counties until September 2009. Therefore, a vendor which meets the requirements of (1), (2) and (3) above for Broward County shall be considered a local business pursuant to this Section.

1.11. CONTINUATION OF WORK

Any work that commences prior to and will extend beyond the expiration date of the current contract period shall, unless terminated by mutual written agreement between the County and the successful Bidder, continue until completion at the same prices, terms and conditions.

1.12. BID PROTEST

- A. A recommendation for contract award or rejection of award may be protested by a Bidder in accordance with the procedures contained in Sections 2-8.3 and 2-8.4 of the County Code, as amended, and as established in Administrative Order No.3-21.
- B. A written intent to protest shall be filed with the Clerk of the

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Board and mailed to all participants in the competitive process and to the County Attorney within three (3) County work days of the filing of the County Manager's recommendation. This three-day period begins on the County workday after the filing of the County Manager's recommendation. Such written intent to protest shall state the particular grounds on which it is based and shall be accompanied by a filing fee as detailed in Para C below.

- C. The written intent to protest shall be accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee, payable to the Clerk of the Board, in accordance with the schedule provided below:

Award Amount	Filing Fee
\$25,000-\$250,000	\$500
\$250,001-\$500,000	\$1,000
\$500,001-\$5 million	\$3,000
Over \$5 million	\$5,000

The protester shall then file all pertinent documents and supporting evidence with the Clerk of the Board and mail copies to all participants in the competitive process and to the County Attorney within three (3) County workdays after the filing of a written intent to protest.

- D. For award recommendations greater than \$250,000 the following shall apply:
The County's recommendation to award or reject will be immediately communicated (via mail, fax or email) to all participants in the competitive process and filed with the Clerk of the Board.
- E. For award recommendations from \$25,000 to \$250,000 the following shall apply:
Each County workday, as appropriate, recommendations to award or reject will be posted in the lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Center, located at 111 N.W. 1st Street. Participants may also view recommendations to award on-line at the DPM website or call the contact person as identified on the cover page of the Bid Solicitation.

1.13. RULES, REGULATIONS AND LICENSES

The successful Bidder shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to provide the goods and/or services specified in this Bid Solicitation. The Bidder shall comply with all federal, state and local laws that may affect the goods and/or services offered.

1.14. PACKAGING

Unless otherwise specified in the Special Conditions or Technical Specifications, all containers shall be suitable for shipment and/or storage and comply with Resolution No. 738-92.

1.15. SUBCONTRACTING

Unless otherwise specified in this Bid Solicitation, the successful Bidder shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the prior written consent of the County. The ability to subcontract may be further limited by the Special Conditions. Subcontracting without the prior consent of the County may result in termination of the contract for default. When Subcontracting is allowed the Bidder shall comply with County Resolution No. 1634-93, Section 10-34 of the County Code and County Ordinance No. 97-35.

1.16. ASSIGNMENT

The successful Bidder shall not assign, transfer, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of this contract, including any rights, title or interest therein, or its power to execute such contract to any person, company or corporation without the prior written consent of the County.

1.17. DELIVERY

Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Solicitation, prices quoted shall be F.O.B. Destination. Freight shall be included in the proposed price.

1.18. RESPONSIBILITY AS EMPLOYER

The employee(s) of the successful Bidder shall be considered to be at all times its employee(s), and not an employee(s) or agent(s) of the County or any of its departments. The successful Bidder shall provide competent and physically employee(s) capable of performing the work as required. The County may require the successful Bidder to remove any employee it deems unacceptable. All employees of the successful

Bidder shall wear proper identification.

1.19. INDEMNIFICATION

The successful Bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the successful Bidder or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The successful Bidder shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon. The successful Bidder expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the successful Bidder shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

1.20. COLLUSION

A contractor recommended for award as the result of a competitive solicitation for any County purchases of supplies, materials and services (including professional services, other than professional architectural, engineering and other services subject to Sec. 2-10.4 and Sec. 287.055 Fla Stats.), purchase, lease, permit, concession or management agreement shall, within five (5) business days of the filing of such recommendation, submit an affidavit under the penalty of perjury, on a form provided by the County: stating either that the contractor is not related to any of the other parties bidding in the competitive solicitation or identifying all related parties, as defined in this Section, which bid in the solicitation; and attesting that the contractor's proposal is genuine and not sham or collusive or made in the interest or on behalf of any person not therein named, and that the contractor has not, directly or indirectly, induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a sham proposal, or any other person, firm, or corporation to refrain from proposing, and that the proposer has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure to the proposer an advantage over any other proposer. In the event a recommended contractor identifies related parties in the competitive solicitation its bid shall be presumed to be collusive and the recommended contractor shall be ineligible for award unless that presumption is rebutted in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2-8.1.1. Any person or entity that fails to submit the required affidavit shall be ineligible for contract award.

- A. The Collusion Affidavit will be included in all solicitations and will be requested from bidders/proposers once bids/proposals are received and evaluated.
- B. Failure to provide a Collusion Affidavit within 5 business days after the recommendation to award has been filed with the Clerk of the Board shall be cause for the contractor to forfeit their bid bond.

1.21. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

The contract may be modified by mutual consent, in writing through the issuance of a modification to the contract, purchase order, change order or award sheet, as appropriate.

1.22. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The County, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate this contract without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the successful Bidder shall not incur any additional costs under this contract. The County shall be liable only for reasonable costs incurred by the successful Bidder prior to notice of termination. The County shall be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

1.23. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The County reserves the right to terminate this contract, in part or in whole, or place the vendor on probation in the event the successful Bidder fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The County further reserves the right to suspend or debar the successful Bidder in accordance with the appropriate County

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ordinances, resolutions and/or administrative orders. The vendor will be notified by letter of the County's intent to terminate. In the event of termination for default, the County may procure the required goods and/or services from any source and use any method deemed in its best interest. All re-procurement cost shall be borne by the successful Bidder.

1.24. FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Pursuant to Section 2-8.4.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code, any individual, corporation or other entity that attempts to meet its contractual obligations with the County through fraud, misrepresentation or material misstatement, may be debarred for up to five (5) years. The County as a further sanction may terminate or cancel any other contracts with such individual, corporation or entity. Such individual or entity shall be responsible for all direct or indirect costs associated with termination or cancellation, including attorney's fees.

1.25. ACCESS TO RECORDS

The County reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit to an audit by Audit and Management Services, the Commission Auditor, or other auditor of the County's choosing at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall provide access to all of its records, which relate directly or indirectly to this Agreement at its place of business during regular business hours. The Contractor shall retain all records pertaining to this Agreement and upon request make them available to the County for three years following expiration of the Agreement. The Contractor agrees to provide such assistance as may be necessary to facilitate the review or audit by the County to ensure compliance with applicable accounting and financial standards.

1.26 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Miami-Dade County has established the Office of the Inspector General, which is authorized and empowered to review past, present, and proposed County and Public Health Trust programs, contracts, transactions, accounts, records and programs. The Inspector General (IG) has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records and monitor existing projects and programs. The Inspector General may, on a random basis, perform audits on all County contracts. The cost of random audits shall be incorporated into the contract price of all contracts and shall be one quarter (1/4) of one (1) percent of the contract price, except as otherwise provided in Section 2-1076(d)(6) of the County Code.

1.27 PRE-AWARD INSPECTION

The County may conduct a pre-award inspection of the bidder's site or hold a pre-award qualification hearing to determine if the bidder is capable of performing the requirements of this bid solicitation.

1.28 PROPRIETARY/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Bidders are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of bid submittals will be available for public inspection after opening of bids in compliance with Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes; popularly known as the "Public Record Law." The bidder shall not submit any information in response to this invitation, which the bidder considers to be a trade secret, proprietary or confidential. The submission of any information to the County in connection with this invitation shall be deemed conclusively to be a waiver of any trade secret or other protection, which would otherwise be available to the bidder. In the event that the bidder submits information to the County in violation of this restriction, either inadvertently or intentionally and clearly identifies that information in the bid as protected or confidential, the County shall endeavor to redact and return that information to the bidder as quickly as possible, and if appropriate, evaluate the balance of the bid. The redaction or return of information pursuant to this clause may render a bid non-responsive.

1.29. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

Any person or entity that performs or assists Miami-Dade County with a function or activity involving the use or disclosure of "individually identifiable health information (IIHI) and/or Protected Health Information (PHI) shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 and the Miami-Dade County Privacy Standards Administrative Order. HIPAA mandates for privacy,

security and electronic transfer standards that include but are not limited to:

1. Use of information only for performing services required by the contract or as required by law;
2. Use of appropriate safeguards to prevent non-permitted disclosures;
3. Reporting to Miami-Dade County of any non-permitted use or disclosure;
4. Assurances that any agents and subcontractors agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Bidder/Proposer and reasonable assurances that IIHI/PHI will be held confidential;
5. Making Protected Health Information (PHI) available to the customer;
6. Making PHI available to the customer for review and amendment; and incorporating any amendments requested by the customer;
7. Making PHI available to Miami-Dade County for an accounting of disclosures; and
8. Making internal practices, books and records related to PHI available to Miami-Dade County for compliance audits.

PHI shall maintain its protected status regardless of the form and method of transmission (paper records, and/or electronic transfer of data). The Bidder/ Proposer must give its customers written notice of its privacy information practices including specifically, a description of the types of uses and disclosures that would be made with protected health information.

1.30. CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SALE SURTAX

When proceeds from the Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax levied pursuant to Section 29.121 of the Code of Miami-Dade County are used to pay for all or some part of the cost of this contract, no award for those portions of a Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) utilizing Charter County Transit System Sales Surtax funds as part of a multi-department contract, nor a contract utilizing Charter County Transit System Surtax funds shall be effective and thereby give rise to a contractual relationship with the County for purchases unless and until both the following have occurred: 1) the County Commission awards the contract, and such award becomes final (either by expiration of 10 days after such award without veto by the Mayor, or by Commission override of a veto); and, 2) either, i) the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has approved inclusion of the Surtax funding on the contract, or, ii) in response to the CITT's disapproval, the County Commission reaffirms award of the contract by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission's membership and such reaffirmation becomes final. Notwithstanding the other provisions of Section 1.30, award of an allocation for services in support of the CITT's oversight which does not exceed \$1000 will not require Commission or CITT approval and may be awarded by the Executive Director of the OCITT.

1.31 LOBBYIST CONTINGENCY FEES

A) In accordance with Section 2-11.1(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, after May, 16, 2003, no person may, in whole or in part, pay, give or agree to pay or give a contingency fee to another person. No person may, in whole or in part, receive or agree to receive a contingency fee.

B) A contingency fee is a fee, bonus, commission or non-monetary benefit as compensation which is dependant on or in any way contingent upon the passage, defeat, or modification of: 1) any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the County Commission; 2) any action, decision or recommendation of the County Manager or any County board or committee; or 3) any action, decision or recommendation of any County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process regarding such action, decision or recommendation which foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission or a County board or committee.

1.32 COMMISSION AUDITOR – ACCESS TO RECORDS

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 03-2, all vendors receiving an award of the contract resulting from this solicitation will grant access to the Commission Auditor to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with government funds.

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**2.1 PURPOSE: TO ESTABLISH A CONTRACT FOR A MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT:**

The purpose of this solicitation is to establish a contract for the purchase of Landscaping and Lawn Maintenance Services contract for the Special Tax Districts Division of the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department on an as needed when needed basis.

2.2 SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACT MEASURES (Set-aside):

This contract includes participation provisions for Miami-Dade County certified Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) as indicated in Appendix A of this solicitation. The contract measure applicable to this contract: SBE Set-aside.

2.3 PRE-BID CONFERENCE and EXAMINATION OF SITE (RECOMMENDED):

1. A 'recommended' pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, August 21, 2009 @ 10:00 AM at Miami-Dade Park and Recreation office Matecumbe Building 1, 13841 South West 120 Street, to discuss the special conditions and specifications included within this solicitation. It is recommended that a representative of the firm attend this conference as the "cone of silence" will be lifted during the course of the conference and informal communication can take place. The Pre-Bid Conference is recommended.

Vendors are requested to bring a copy of the solicitation document to the pre-bid conference, as additional copies will not be available.

2. The Examination of Site (walk-thru) is recommended, and will be held right after the Pre-Bid Conference (Friday, August 21, 2009). All vendors are responsible for their own transportation to the individual sites. (Examination of sites is repeated and are detailed in Section 2, Paragraph 2.8)

2.4 TERM OF CONTRACT: TWELVE (12) MONTHS:

This contract shall commence on the first calendar day of the month succeeding approval of the contract by the Board of County Commissioners, or designee, unless otherwise stipulated in the Notice of Award Letter which is distributed by the County's Department of Procurement Management, Purchasing Division; and contingent upon the completion and submittal of all required bid documents. The contract shall expire on the last day of the twelve (12) month period.

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2.5 OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR (With Price Adjustment):

The initial contract prices resultant from this solicitation shall prevail for a one (1) year period from the contract's initial effective date. Prior to, or upon completion, of that initial term, the County shall have the option to renew this contract for an additional one (1) year period. Prior to completion of each exercised contract term, the County may consider an adjustment to price based on changes in the following pricing index: Consumer Price Index, Wage Earners and Clerical Workers in the Miami Area for All Items.

It is the vendor's responsibility to request any pricing adjustment under this provision. For any adjustment to commence on the first day of any exercised option period, the vendor's request for adjustment should be submitted 90 days prior to expiration of the then current contract term. The vendor adjustment request should not be in excess of the relevant pricing index change. If no adjustment request is received from the vendor, the County will assume that the vendor has agreed that the optional term may be exercised without pricing adjustment. Any adjustment request received after the commencement of a new option period may not be considered.

The County reserves the right to reject any price adjustments submitted by the vendor and/or to not exercise any otherwise available option period based on such price adjustments. Continuation of the contract beyond the initial period, and any option subsequently exercised, is a County prerogative, and not a right of the vendor. This prerogative will be exercised only when such continuation is clearly in the best interest of the County.

Should the vendor decline the County's right to exercise the option period, the County may consider the vendor in default which decision may affect that vendor's eligibility for future contracts.

2.6 METHOD OF AWARD: TO TWO (2) LOWEST PRICED VENDORS IN THE AGGREGATE:

Award of this contract will be made to two (2) responsive, responsible vendors who submit an offer on all items listed in the solicitation and whose offer represents the lowest price when all items are added in the aggregate. If a vendor fails to submit an offer on all items, its overall offer will be rejected. While the award will be made to multiple vendors in the aggregate to assure availability, the lowest priced vendor in the aggregate will be given the first opportunity to perform under this contract. Award to multiple vendors is made for the convenience of the County and does not exempt the primary vendor from fulfilling its contractual obligations. Failure to perform as noted may result in the vendor being deemed in breach of contract. The County may terminate the contract for default and charge the vendor re-procurement costs, if applicable.

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2.7 PRICES SHALL BE FIXED AND FIRM FOR TERM OF CONTRACT:

If the vendor is awarded a contract under this solicitation, the prices proposed by the vendor shall remain fixed and firm during the term of contract.

2.8 EXAMINATION OF SITE (DATE, TIME AND START LOCATIONS):

Date: Friday, August 21, 2009

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Start Location: Walk-thru meeting place will be held right after the Pre-Bid Conference at the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation facility located at Matecumbe Building 1, 13841 South West 120 Street. (See Section 2, Paragraph 2.3.2 for additional information).

2.9 EQUAL PRODUCT:
Intentionally Omitted

2.10 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:
Intentionally Omitted

**2.11 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE (1) - GENERAL SERVICE AND
MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:**

Provider shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the County or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of this Agreement by the Provider or its employees, agents, servants, partners principals or subcontractors. Provider shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the County, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may issue thereon. Provider expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by Provider shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the County or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

The vendor shall furnish to the Vendor Assistance Section, Department of Procurement Management, Administration Division, 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1300, Miami, Florida 33128, Certificate(s) of Insurance which indicate that insurance coverage has been obtained which meets the requirements as outlined below:

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- A. Worker's Compensation Insurance for all employees of the vendor as required by Florida Statute 440.
- B. Public Liability Insurance on a comprehensive basis in an amount not less than \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Miami-Dade County must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the work, in an amount not less than \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.

All insurance policies required above shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida, with the following qualifications:

The company must be rated no less than "B" as to management, and no less than "Class V" as to financial strength, by the latest edition of Best's Insurance Guide, published by A.M. Best Company, Oldwick, New Jersey, or its equivalent, subject to the approval of the County Risk Management Division.

or

The company must hold a valid Florida Certificate of Authority as shown in the latest "List of All Insurance Companies Authorized or Approved to Do Business in Florida" issued by the State of Florida Department of Insurance and are members of the Florida Guaranty Fund.

Certificates will indicate no modification or change in insurance shall be made without thirty (30) days in advance notice to the certificate holder.

**NOTE: DADE COUNTY SOLICITATION NUMBER AND TITLE OF
SOLICITATION MUST APPEAR ON EACH CERTIFICATE.**

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER MUST READ: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
111 NW 1st STREET, SUITE 2340
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128**

Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the vendor of his liability and obligation under this section or under any other section of this agreement.

Issuance of a purchase order is contingent upon the receipt of the insurance documents within fifteen (15) calendar days after Board of County Commission approval. If the insurance certificate is received within the specified time frame but not in the manner prescribed in this solicitation, the vendor shall be verbally notified of such deficiency and shall have an

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additional five (5) calendar days to submit a corrected certificate to the County. If the vendor fails to submit the required insurance documents in the manner prescribed in this solicitation within twenty (20) calendar days after Board of Commission approval, the vendor shall be in default of the contractual terms and conditions and shall not be awarded the contract. Under such circumstances, the vendor may be prohibited from submitting future Proposal to the County in accordance with Section 1.24 of the General Terms and Conditions.

The vendor shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance certificate required in conjunction with this Section remain in force for the duration of the contractual period; including any and all option years that may be granted to the vendor in accordance with Section 2.5 of this solicitation. If insurance certificates are scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the vendor shall be responsible for submitting new or renewed insurance certificates to the County at a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days in advance of such expiration. In the event that expired certificates are not replaced with new or renewed certificates which cover the contractual period, the County shall suspend the contract until such time as the new or renewed certificates are received by the County in the manner prescribed in the solicitation; provided, however, that this suspended period does not exceed thirty (30) calendar days. If such suspension exceeds thirty (30) calendars days, the County may, at its sole discretion, terminate this contract for cause and seek re-procurement damages from the vendor in accordance with Section 1.24 of this solicitation.

2.12 BID GUARANTY:
Intentionally Omitted

2.13 PERFORMANCE BOND:
Intentionally Omitted

2.14 CERTIFICATIONS:
Intentionally Omitted

2.15 METHOD OF PAYMENT: MONTHLY INVOICES:

The vendor(s) shall submit monthly invoices by the tenth (10th) calendar day of each month. These invoices shall be submitted to the County user department(s) that requested the service through a purchase order. The invoices shall reflect the type of service provided to the County in the prior month.

All invoices shall contain the following basic information:

I. Vendor Information:

- The name of the business organization as specified on the contract between Miami-Dade County and vendor

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- Date of invoice
- Invoice number
- Vendor's Federal Identification Number on file with Miami-Dade County

II. County Information:

- Miami-Dade County Release Purchase Order or Small Purchase Order Number

III. Pricing Information:

- Unit price of the goods, services or property provided
- Extended total price of the goods, services or property
- Applicable discounts

IV. Goods or Services Provided per Contract:

- Description
- Quantity

V. Delivery Information:

- Delivery terms set forth within the Miami-Dade County Release Purchase Order
- Location and date of delivery of goods, services or property

VI. Failure to Comply:

Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment.

2.16 SHIPPING TERMS:
Intentionally Omitted

2.17 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS:
Intentionally Omitted

2.18 BACK ORDER ALLOWANCES:
Intentionally Omitted

2.19 WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS:
Intentionally Omitted

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2.20 CONTACT PERSON:

For any additional information regarding the terms and conditions of this solicitation and resultant contract please contact: R. Campbell, Procurement Contracting Agent via email at rcamp@miamidade.gov with a copy to the Clerk of the Board clerkBCC@miamidade.gov. Administrative Order 3-27, Cone of Silence, Ordinance prohibits oral communication regarding a bid during the period the Cone is in effect.

2.21 COUNTY USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP):

User Access Fee

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Budget Ordinance No. 03-192, this contract is subject to a user access fee under the County User Access Program (UAP) in the amount of two percent (2%). All sales resulting from this contract, or any contract resulting from this solicitation and the utilization of the County contract price and the terms and conditions identified herein, are subject to the two percent (2%) UAP. This fee applies to all contract usage whether by County Departments or by any other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entity.

The vendor providing goods or services under this contract shall invoice the contract price and shall accept as payment thereof the contract price less the 2% UAP as full and complete payment for the goods and/or services specified on the invoice. The County shall retain the 2% UAP for use by the County to help defray the cost of the procurement program. Vendor participation in this invoice reduction portion of the UAP is mandatory.

Joint Purchase

Only those entities that have been approved by the County for participation in the County's Joint Purchase and Entity Revenue Sharing Agreement are eligible to utilize or receive Miami-Dade County contract pricing and terms and conditions. The County will provide to approved entities a UAP Participant Validation Number. The vendor must obtain the participation number from the entity prior to filling any order placed pursuant to this section. Vendor participation in this joint purchase portion of the UAP, however, is voluntary. The vendor shall notify the ordering entity, in writing, within 3 work days of receipt of an order, of a decision to decline the order.

For all ordering entities located outside the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County, the successful vendor shall be entitled to ship goods on an "FOB Destination, Prepaid and Charged Back" basis. This allowance shall only be made when expressly authorized by a representative of the ordering entity prior to shipping the goods.

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Miami-Dade County shall have no liability to the vendor for the cost of any purchase made by an ordering entity under the UAP and shall not be deemed to be a party thereto. All orders shall be placed directly by the ordering entity with the vendor and shall be paid by the ordering entity less the 2% UAP.

Vendor Compliance

If a vendor fails to comply with this section, that vendor may be considered in default by Miami-Dade County in accordance with Section 1, Paragraph 1.23 of this contract solicitation and the resulting contract.

2.22 ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND BARRICADES:

Precautions shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons and property. All vendors performing services under this contract shall conform to all relevant OSHA, State and County regulations during the course of such effort. Any fines levied by the above mentioned authorities for failure to comply with these requirements shall be borne solely by the responsible vendor. Barricades shall be provided by the vendor when work is performed in areas traversed by persons, or when deemed necessary by the County Project Manager.

2.23 ADDITIONAL FACILITIES MAY BE ADDED:

Although this solicitation and resultant contract identifies specific facilities to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency facility may be added to this contract at the option of the County. When required by the pricing structure of the contract, vendor(s) under this contract shall be invited to submit price quotes for these additional facilities. If these quotes are determined to be fair and reasonable, then the additional work will be awarded to the current contract vendor(s) that offers the lowest acceptable pricing. If this contract has a single incumbent vendor, the additional site(s) shall be added to this contract by formal modification of the award sheet. If there are multiple incumbent vendors under this contract, and the additional effort is to be assigned to only one of these vendors, a separate release order will be issued.

The County may obtain price quotes for the additional facilities from other vendors, not awarded this contract, as deemed in its best interest.

2.24 BUSINESS HOURS OF OPERATIONS:

A service cycle shall be performed Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM except when such work is necessary for the proper care and protection of the work already performed, and when permission to do such work is secured from the Special Tax Districts Division Zone Manager or his designee.

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2.25 CLEAN-UP:

All unusable materials and debris shall be removed from the premises at the end of each workday, and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Upon final completion, the vendor shall thoroughly clean up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the Special Tax Districts Division Zone Manager or his designee.

2.26 DEFICIENCIES IN WORK TO BE CORRECTED BY THE VENDOR:

The vendor shall promptly correct all apparent and latent deficiencies and/or defects in work, and/or any work that fails to conform to the contract documents regardless of project completion status. All corrections shall be made within one (1) calendar day after such rejected defects, deficiencies, and/or non-conformances are verbally reported to the vendor by the County's project administrator, who may confirm all such verbal reports in writing. The vendor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected work. If the vendor fails to correct the work within the period specified, the County may, at its discretion, notify the vendor, in writing, that the vendor is subject to contractual default provisions if the corrections are not completed to the satisfaction of the County within three (3) calendar days of receipt of the notice. If the vendor fails to correct the work within the period specified in the notice, the County shall place the vendor in default, obtain the services of another vendor to correct the deficiencies, and charge the incumbent vendor for these costs; either through a deduction from the final payment owed to the vendor or through invoicing. If the vendor fails to honor this invoice or credit memo, the County may terminate the contract for default.

2.27 DELETION OF FACILITIES:

Although this solicitation identifies specific facilities to be serviced, it is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency may delete service for any facility (ies) when such service is no longer required during the contract period; upon fourteen (14) calendar day's written notice to the vendor.

2.28 LABOR, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY THE VENDOR:

Unless otherwise provided in Section 3 (entitled "Technical Specifications"), of this solicitation the vendor shall furnish all labor, material and equipment necessary for satisfactory contract performance. When not specifically identified in the technical specifications, such materials and equipment shall be of a suitable type and grade for the purpose. All material, workmanship, and equipment shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the County's Project Manager.

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2.29 LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR POLLUTION CONTROL:

It is the intent of these specifications to comply with the Miami-Dade County Pollution Control Ordinance as stated in Chapter 24 of the Miami-Dade Code. This ordinance is made a part of these specifications by reference and may be obtained, if necessary, by the vendor through the Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), 33 SW 2nd Ave., Miami, Florida 33130, Telephone (305) 372-6789.

2.30 LICENSES:

1. Contractor shall perform and provide all work with the appropriate licensed and trained personnel for the required task and in accordance with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
2. Contractor shall have on staff a State of Florida Certified Arborist in order to bid on this contract.
3. Contractor shall have a Pesticide applicator license, Ornamental and Turf Category, issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Compliance Monitoring/Pesticide Certification Section (Florida Pesticide Law Chapter 487).
4. Contractor shall have a Pest Control Operator-Lawn and Ornamental Pest Control license, issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control. (Florida Structural Pest Control Law Chapter 482).

Contractor shall provide a copy of the above referenced licenses with the bid submittal (proposal) and/or during the evaluation process. These licenses must be maintained in a current status throughout the life of the contract.

The application of all pesticides and herbicides shall be in compliance with:

1. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Pesticide Law (Chapter 487), and
2. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Structural Pest Control Law (Chapter 482).

2.31 LIVING WAGES SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL CONDITION:

Bidders providing a covered service are advised that the provisions of Section 2-8.9 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code) as amended by Ordinance [Governing Legislation], will apply to any contract(s) awarded pursuant to this bid or issuance of a GASP/Permit or other

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Service Contract agreement by Miami-Dade County Aviation Department. By submitting a bid pursuant to these specifications, a bidder is hereby agreeing to comply with the provisions of Section 2-8.9, and to acknowledge awareness of the penalties for non-compliance. A copy of this Code Section may be obtained online at www.miamidade.gov.

This Supplemental General Condition is organized with the following sections:

1. Definitions
2. Minimum Wages and Posting of Information.
3. Liability for Unpaid Wages; Liquidated Damages; Withholding
4. Payrolls, Records and Reporting
5. Subcontracts
6. Complaints and Hearings; Contract Termination and Debarment

1. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Administrative hearing officer” means a qualified arbitrator appointed by the County Manager to resolve disputes arising from the enforcement of the Living Wage Ordinance.
- B. “Applicable department” means the County department(s) using the service contract.
- C. “Complaint” means any written charge/allegation presented to the Compliance Officer alleging a practice prohibited by the Ordinance.
- D. “Compliance officer” means the County Manager or his/her designee to review compliance with the Governing Legislation or Living Wage Ordinance and the Administrative Order.
- E. “Contract” means an agreement for services covered by the Living Wage Ordinance involving the County or Public Health Trust, or approved by the County, the Procurement Director or his/her designee, or the Public Health Trust or a Permit or Lease agreement with Miami-Dade County Aviation Department.
- F. “Contracting officer” means the Department of Procurement Management and Public Health Trust staff or any other County personnel responsible for issuing County service contracts.
- G. “County” means the government of Miami-Dade County or the Public Health Trust.
- H. “Covered employee” means anyone employed by any service contractor, as further defined in County Code Section 2-8.9, either full or part time, as an employee with or

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without benefits that is providing covered services pursuant to the service contractor's contract with the County.

- I. "Covered employer" means any and all service contractors and subcontractors of service contractors providing covered services. Service contractor is any individual, business entity, corporation (whether for profit or not-for-profit), partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, or similar business that is conducting business in Miami-Dade County or any immediately adjoining county and meets the following criteria:
- (1) the service contractor is paid in whole or in part from the County's general fund, capital projects funds, special revenue funds, or any other funds either directly or indirectly, for contracted covered service whether by competitive bid process, informal bids, requests for proposals, some form of solicitation, negotiation, or agreement, or any other decision to enter into a contract; and
 - (2) the service contractor and any subcontractor is engaged in the business to provide covered services either directly or indirectly for the benefit of the County; or
 - (3) the service contractor is a General Aeronautical Service (GASP) Permittee or otherwise provides any of the covered services defined herein at any Miami Dade County Aviation Department facility including Miami International Airport pursuant to a permit, lease agreement or otherwise.
- J. Covered services are services purchased by the County that are subject to the requirements of the Living Wage Ordinance which are one of the following:
- (1) County Service Contracts - Contracts awarded by the County that involve a total contract value of over \$100,000 per year for the following services:
 - (i) food preparation and/or distribution;
 - (ii) security services;
 - (iii) routine maintenance services such as custodial, cleaning, refuse removal, repair, refinishing and recycling;
 - (iv) clerical or other non-supervisory office work, whether temporary or permanent;
 - (v) transportation and parking services including airport and seaport services;
 - (vi) printing and reproduction services; and,
 - (vii) landscaping, lawn and/or agricultural services.

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- (2) Services provided to Miami-Dade County Aviation facilities: Any service that is provided by a GASP Permittee to a Miami-Dade County Aviation Department Facility or any other service contractor that provides any of the following services to a Miami-Dade County Aviation Department facility is a covered service without reference to any contract value.
- (i) Ramp Service: Guiding aircraft in and out of Airport; aircraft loading and unloading positions, designated by the Aviation Department; placing in position and operating passenger, baggage and cargo loading and unloading devices, as required for the safe and efficient loading and unloading of passengers, baggage and cargo to and from aircraft; performing such loading and unloading; providing aircraft utility services, such as air start and cabin air; fueling; catering; towing aircraft; cleaning of aircraft; delivering cargo, baggage and mail to and from aircraft to and from locations at any Miami-Dade County Aviation Department facility; and providing such other ramp services approved in writing by the Aviation Department;
 - (ii) Porter Assistance Services: Handling and transportation through the use of porters, or other means, of baggage and other articles of the passengers of contracting air carriers or aircraft operators, upon request of the passenger, in public access areas of the Airport Terminal Complex. The Living Wage shall not apply to employees performing tip-related porter assistance services, including curbside check-in;
 - (iii) Passenger Services: Preparing such clearance documents for the baggage and cargo of aircraft passengers, as may be required by all governmental agencies; furnishing linguists for the assistance of foreign-speaking passengers; passenger information assistance; arranging in-flight meals for departing aircraft with persons or companies authorized by the Department to provide such meals; and providing assistance to handicapped passengers;
 - (iv) Dispatching and Communications Services: Providing ground to aircraft radio communication service; issuing flight clearances; sending and receiving standard arrival, departure and flight plan messages with appropriate distribution of received messages; providing standby radio flight watch for aircraft in flight; and calculation of fuel loads and take-off and landing weights for aircraft;
 - (v) Meteorological Navigation Services: Providing information based on the analysis and interpretation of weather charts; planning aircraft flights in

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accordance with the latest accepted techniques; providing appropriate prognostic weather charts; and generally providing information appropriate for enroute aerial navigation;

- (vi) Ticket Counter and Operations Space Service: The operation of ticket counter and airlines' operations space; ticket checking, sales and processing; weighing of baggage; operation of an information, general traffic operations and communications office for air carriers and aircraft operators with whom the Service Contractor has contracted to supply such services;
 - (vii) Janitorial Services;
 - (viii) Delayed Baggage Services;
 - (ix) Security Services unless provided by federal government or pursuant to a federal government contract; and,
 - (x) Any other type of service that a GASP permittee is authorized to perform at any Miami-Dade County Aviation Department Facility will be considered a covered service, regardless of whether the service is performed by a GASP permittee or other service contractor.
 - (xi) In warehouse cargo handlers.
- K. "Debar" means to exclude a service contractor, its individual officers, its principal shareholders, its qualifying agent or its affiliated businesses from County contracting and subcontracting for a specific period of time, not to exceed five (5) years, pursuant to section 10-38 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.
- L. "Living wage" means the minimum hourly pay rate with or without a health benefit plan as further described in Section 2-8.9 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and as indexed from year to year.
- M. "Living Wage Commission" means a fifteen person advisory board established by the County Commission for the purpose of reviewing the effectiveness of the Living Wage Ordinance, reviewing certifications submitted by covered employers, reviewing quarterly reports on complaints filed by employees and making recommendations to the County Mayor and Commission.

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- N. “Project manager” means the person assigned under a contract, usually a department director of the using agency or his/her designee, who has primary responsibility to manage the contract and enforce contract requirements.

2. MINIMUM WAGES AND POSTING OF INFORMATION

- A. All covered employees providing covered services shall be paid a living wage in accordance with the current rate for the given year in the manner provided for herein for the adjustment of the Living Wage rate. When the covered employer seeks to comply with the Code by choosing to pay the wage rate applicable when also providing a qualifying Health Benefit Plan, such health benefit plan shall consist of a per hour contribution towards the provision of a Health Benefit Plan for employees and, if applicable, their dependents in accordance with the current rate for the given year. Proof of the provision of such a health benefit plan must be submitted to the awarding authority to qualify for the wage rate for employees with a health benefit plan.
- B. The minimum amount of payment by a Service Contractor for the provision of a Health Benefit Plan on a per-hour basis will be calculated based on a maximum of a 40-hour work week. Overtime hours will not require additional payments towards the provision of a health benefit plan. If the service contractor pays less than the required amount for provision a health benefit plan provided in this section, then the service contractor may comply with the Living Wage requirements by paying the difference between the premium it pays for the health benefit plan of the Covered Employee and the minimum amount required by this section for a qualifying health benefit plan. The service contractor may require that all employees enroll in a health benefit plan offered by the service contractor, provided that the employee is not required to pay a premium contribution for employee-only coverage. Health Benefit Plan for purposes of this section shall qualify if it includes the benefits contained in a standard health benefit plan meeting the requirements set forth in §627.6699(12)(a)Florida Statutes.
- (1) To the extent a Covered Employer seeks to pay the lower Living Wage rate for employers providing a qualifying Health Benefit Plan during the initial eligibility period applicable to new employees, the Living Wage requirement may be complied with as follows during the eligibility period:
- i. A Covered Employer may only qualify to pay the Living Wage rate applicable to employees with a Health Benefit Plan for a term not to exceed the first ninety (90) days of the new initial

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employee's eligibility period, said term commencing on the employee's date of hire.

- ii. If the Covered Employee is not provided with a qualifying Health Benefit Plan within ninety (90) days of initial hire, then the Covered Employer, commencing on the ninety-first (91) day of the new employee's initial eligibility period, must commence to pay the applicable Living Wage rate for Covered Employees without a Health Benefit Plan and must retroactively pay the Covered Employee the difference between the two Living Wage rates for the term of the eligibility period.
- C. Pursuant to Section C of County Code Section 2-8.9, the Living Wage rate must be annually indexed based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculated by the U.S. Department of Commerce as applied to the County of Miami-Dade.
- D. Covered employees shall be paid by company or cashier's check, not less than bi-weekly, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account. The covered employer shall pay wage rates in accordance with federal and all other applicable laws such as overtime and similar wage laws.
- E. Covered employers must post in a visible place on the site where such contract work is being performed, a notice specifying the (1) wages/benefits to be paid; (2) the amount of liquidated damages for any failure to pay such specified combined overall hourly wage rate and benefits; and (3) the name and address of the responsible official in Miami-Dade County to whom written complaints should be sent. Posting requirements will not be required where the employer prints the following statements on the front of the covered employee's paycheck and every six months thereafter: "You are required by Miami-Dade County law to be paid at least [insert applicable rate under this Chapter] dollars an hour. If you are not paid this hourly rate, contact your supervisor or a lawyer." All notices will be printed in English, Spanish and Creole. Any complaints of underpayment must be filed in writing with the Director of the Department of Business Development, 111 Northwest First Street, 19th Floor, Miami, Fl., 33128, (305) 375-3134.
- F. Covered employers must refrain from terminating or otherwise retaliating against an employee performing work on the contract even though a complaint of practices has been filed by the employee or other investigative or enforcement action is being taken regarding such service contractor.

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3. LIABILITY FOR UNPAID WAGES; PENALTIES; WITHHOLDING

- A. In the event of any underpayment of required wage rates, the contractor may be liable to the underpaid employee for the amount of such underpayment within thirty (30) days of the findings of violation. Covered employers found to be in violation of the requirements of Section 2-8.9 may also be required to pay liquidated damages of up to \$500 to the County for each employee of the covered employer who performs any portion of the contract work for each week, or portion thereof, that is paid less than the specified applicable living wage rate. Request for appeals of violations must be filed in writing with the compliance officer within ten (10) days of receipt of the violation.
- B. Any wages not collected by underpaid employees shall be remitted, by the employer responsible for paying the wage debt, to the Department of Business Development (DBD) for depository into the DBD Trust Fund. Proceeds from the "Trust Fund" shall be held for one (1) year and if not claimed by the underpaid employee, shall be transferred to the State of Florida.
- C. The County may withhold from a service contractor any moneys payable on account of work performed under the contract, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities for unpaid wages and penalties as provided herein. In order to preserve the rights of the affected workers under Section 2-8.9, the project manager may withhold or cause to be withheld from the service contractor under this agreement so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay employees of the covered employer the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any covered employee, employed or working on the project, all or part of the wages required by the contract, the project manager may, after written notice to the service contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, until such violations have ceased. The withheld monies shall be remitted to the covered employee only in accordance with the provisions of Section 6, "Complaints and Hearings; Contract Termination and Debarment".
- D. In addition to the payment of penalties and backwages, repeat offenders may be debarred from doing business with the County for a period of up to five years and/or have their contracts terminated.
- E. A covered employer who fails to respond to a notice of non-compliance, fails to attend a Compliance Meeting, or who does not timely request an administrative hearing from an adverse compliance determination made by DBD after a Compliance Meeting shall be deemed not to have complied with

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the requirements of this section as stated in the notice or determination of non-compliance. Once the determination is made by DBD, the notice or determination of non-compliance will stand. In the case of underpayment of the Living Wage required, an amount sufficient to pay any underpayment shall be withheld from contract proceeds and remitted to the employee and the covered employer may be fined the applicable penalty for such underpayment as follows. In the case of underpayment of the required Living Wage rate, the amount equal to the amount of such underpayment may be withheld from the covered employer and remitted to the employee and in addition, the covered employer may also be fined for such non-compliance as follows:

- (1) For the first underpayment, a penalty in an amount equal to 10% of the amount;
- (2) For the second underpayment, a penalty in an amount equal to 20% thereof;
- (3) For the third and successive underpayments, a penalty in an amount equal to 30% thereof;
- (4) A fourth violation shall constitute a default of the subject contract and may be cause for suspension or termination in accordance with the contract's terms and debarment in accordance with the debarment procedures of the County.

Monies received from payment of penalties imposed hereunder shall be deposited in a separate account and shall be utilized solely to defray DBD's costs of administering the Living Wage provisions. If the required payment is not made within a reasonable period of time, the non-complying Covered Employer and the principal owners thereof shall be prohibited from bidding on or otherwise participating in County Living Wage contracts for a period of three (3) years.

4. PAYROLL; RECORDS; REPORTING

- A. Each covered employer shall maintain payrolls for all covered employees and records relating thereto and shall preserve them for a period of three (3) years. The records shall contain: the name and address of each covered employee, the job title and classification, the number of hours worked each day, the gross wages earned and deductions made; annual wages paid; a copy of the social security returns and evidence of payment thereof; if applicable, a record of health benefit payments including contributions to approved plans; and any other data or information the Living Wage Commission or compliance officer should require from time to time.
- B. The service contractor shall provide a certificate to the applicable department, with every invoice or requisition for payment, that includes the name, address, and phone

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number of the covered employer, a local contact person, and the specific project for which the service contract is sought; the amount of the contract and the applicable department the contract will serve; a brief description of the project or service provided; a statement of the wage levels for all employees; and a commitment to pay all employees a living wage as set forth in the contract specifications; and the name and social security number of every employee that provided service for that requisition for payment.

- C. The covered employer shall submit the information required hereunder every six (6) months, to the applicable department a complete payroll showing the employer's payroll records for each covered employee working on the contract for covered services for one payroll period.
- D. The covered employer shall file with the applicable department, every six months, reports of employment activities to be made publicly available, including: race and gender of employees hired and terminated; zip codes of employees hired and terminated; and wage rates of employees hired and terminated.
- E. The covered employer shall make the records required to be kept hereunder available for inspection, copying or transcription by an authorized representative of the County, and shall permit such representative to interview employees during working hours on the job. Failure to submit the required reports upon request or to make records available may be grounds for debarment. The service contractor is responsible for the submission of the information required hereunder and for the maintenance of records and provision of access to same by all subcontractors.

5. SUBCONTRACTS

The service contractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1 through 6 of this provision and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any subcontracts. The service contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor with the clauses set forth in paragraphs 1 through 6 of this provision.

**6. PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
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- A. Appeals of findings of violation and imposition of penalties by the compliance officer shall be heard by an administrative hearing officer. Upon the receipt of a written appeal, the compliance officer shall notify the County Manager in writing and the County Manager shall appoint an administrative hearing officer and set a time for an administrative hearing. Failure to appeal within the specified time shall be

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considered a waiver of the appeal process provided for in Section 3.A and an admission of the complaint/violation.

- B. Notification of hearing date shall be served by the compliance officer upon the covered employer against whom the complaint is made within ten (10) working days of the appointment of the administrative hearing officer. Such notice shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such notice shall include:
- 1) A copy of the written complaint, including reasons and causes for the proposed administrative hearing outlining alleged prohibited practices upon which it is based;
 - 2) The penalties assessed;
 - 3) That an administrative hearing shall be conducted before an administrative hearing officer on a date and time not to exceed thirty (30) business days after service of the notice. The notice shall also advise the covered employer that they may be represented by an attorney, may present documentary evidence and verbal testimony, and may cross-examine or rebut evidence and testimony presented against them; and,
 - 4) A description of the effect of the issuance of the notice of the proposed administrative hearing and the potential effect(s) of this administrative hearing.
- C. The compliance officer or his/her designee shall, with the assistance of the project manager, present evidence and arguments to the administrative hearing officer.
- D. No later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing date, the covered employer must furnish the compliance officer a list of the defenses the covered employer intends to present at the administrative hearing. If the covered employer fails to submit such list, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the administrative hearing, or fails to seek an extension of time within which to do so, the covered employer shall be deemed to have waived the opportunity to be heard at the administrative hearing. The administrative hearing officer shall have the right to grant or deny an extension of time, and the decision may only be reviewed upon an abuse of discretion.
- E. Hearsay evidence shall be admissible at the administrative hearing, but shall not form the sole basis for finding a violation of Section 2-8.9. The administrative hearing shall be transcribed, taped or otherwise recorded by a court reporter, at the election of the administrative hearing officer and at the expense of the County. Copies of the hearing tape or transcript shall be furnished at the expense and request of the requesting party. The cost of such transcription may be assessed, by the hearing officer, against a service contractor that has been found to violate Section 2-8.9.

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- F. In addition to the payment of penalties and back wages, the County Manager may debar, for a period not to exceed three (3) years, a service contractor or subcontractor and the principal owners and/or qualifying agents thereof found to have violated the requirements of Section 2-8.9 a second time. If the County Manager determines a covered employer failed to comply with these provisions a fourth time, the non-complying covered employer's service contract with the County may be terminated.
- G. The County Manager may order the withheld amount equal to any underpayment remitted to the employee. In addition, the County Manager may order payment of a penalty to the County. If the required payment is not made within a reasonable period of time, the County Manager may order debarment as described above.

A breach of the clauses contained in this Supplemental General Condition shall be deemed a breach of this contract/ Permit or Lease Agreement and may be grounds for termination of the contract, Permit or Lease Agreement and grounds for debarment, and any other remedies available to the County.

2.32 OMISSION FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS:

The apparent silence of this specification and any addendum regarding any details or the omission from the specification of a detailed description concerning any point shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail, and that only materials and workmanship of first quality are to be used. All interpretations of this specification shall be made upon the basis of this agreement.

**2.33 PURCHASE OF OTHER SERVICES NOT LISTED WITHIN THIS SOLICITATION
BASED ON PRICE QUOTES:**

While the County has listed all major services within this solicitation which are utilized by County departments in conjunction with their operations, there may be similar services that must be purchased by the County during the term of this contract. Under these circumstances, a County representative will contact the primary vendor to obtain a price quote for the similar services. If there are multiple vendors on the contract, the County representative may also obtain price quotes from these vendors. The County reserves the right to award these similar items to the primary contract vendor, another contract vendor based on the lowest price quoted, or to acquire the services through a separate solicitation.

2.34 RISK OF LOSS:

The vendor assumes the risk of loss or damage to the County's property during possession of such property by the vendor, and until delivery to, and acceptance of, that property to the County. The vendor shall immediately repair, replace or make good on the loss or damage

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without cost to the County, whether the loss or damage results from acts or omissions (negligent or not) of the vendor or a third party.

The vendor shall indemnify and save the County harmless from any and all claims, liability, losses and causes of action which may arise out of the fulfillment of this contract. The vendor shall pay all claims and losses of any nature whatever in connection therewith, and shall defend all suits, in the name of the County when applicable, and shall pay all costs and judgments which may issue thereon.

Damage to Property Caused by Contractor

- A. Contractor shall be responsible for the repair or replacement of damaged landscape, irrigation system components and other property, which it has caused under the performance of this contract. Repair or replacement shall be at the sole discretion of the Special Tax Districts Division.
- B. Repair or replacement of damaged property shall be equal in size, type and quality. Repairs and replacements shall be performed by a qualified contractor of the trade appropriate for the type of work being performed.

2.35 PROJECT MANAGER SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY THE BIDDER:

The contractor shall employ a competent Project Manager who shall be in attendance at the project site during the progress of the work. The Project Manager shall be the primary representative for all communications between the Bidder and Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department Special Tax Districts.

2.36 BIDDERS QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Statement of Experience, Technical Abilities, and Three (3) Business References:

The contractor is required to complete, and submit with their initial bid, the "Bidders Statement of Experience, Technical Abilities, and Three (3) Business References". The form is included in Section 4 of this solicitation. This form is intended to substantiate that the contractor has performed work of similar services that's included in the proposed contract, within the past year.

The completed form shall include at least one (1) commercial reference which will enable Miami-Dade County to judge the bidder's capacity to perform the services. The County reserves the right to reject any bid when, in its opinion, the bidder lacks the capacity to perform the proposed work in strict compliance with the specifications, or when the information provided by the bidder is insufficient for making a judgment.

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The contractor must provide Miami-Dade County with a dedicated facsimile (fax) number and/or email address where notices, work orders, and other documentation may be sent and received by the contractor on a daily basis.

2. Employee Identification and Uniform requirements:

The Special Tax Districts Division requires all contractor personnel must carry an identification badge, attached to their shirt. This badge shall include a current photo of the employee, their name and name of company at all times, while working on Special Tax Districts Division property.

In addition, each employee shall wear either a shirt or company tee shirt and safety vest at all times. The shirt or tee shirt shall include the name of the company and shall be worn at all times, while working on Special Tax Districts Division property.

3. Minimum equipment requirements per Group:

- A. Two (2) rotary turf mowers (approximately 42 in.)
- B. Two (2) rotary turf mowers (approximately 61 in.)
- C. Two (2) string line trimmers,
- D. Two (2) blowers
- E. Two (2) edgers
- F. Two (2) back sprayers
- G. Two (2) lawn rakes
- H. Two (2) pruning shears
- I. Two (2) loppers
- J. Two (2) hedge trimmers
- K. Two (2) push brooms
- L. Two (2) chainsaws (approximately 12 in.)

All contractor vehicles (i.e. cars, trucks, vans, carts, trailers, tractors, tanks, etc.), while on Special Tax Districts Division property in the performance of this contract, shall be clearly marked with the company name on both sides and must be legible at minimum of fifty (50) ft. away during daylight hours. Magnetic signs will be acceptable.

2.37 SUBCONTRACTS:

No subcontracting is allowed on this contract

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2.38 WORK ACCEPTANCE:

This project will be inspected by an authorized representative of the County. This inspection shall be performed to determine acceptance of work, appropriate invoicing, and warranty conditions.

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3.1 SCOPE:

The scope of work of this contract consists of: scheduled routine grounds maintenance for existing landscape (mowing, trimming, edging, mulching maintenance of containerized plants, annual flowerbeds, pruning and trimming, weeds and vine control, litter control, pest and disease control, fertilizing, and cleanup, trash and litter removal, weed removal, application of pre and post emergent herbicides, constructing mulch rings and strips, trimming of shrub and hedge material, prune and clear trunk trees and palm frond trimming, and repair of existing irrigation sprinkler damaged by the contractor, during the term of contract.

The Contractor shall comply with the minimum contract requirements, as per Section 2, Paragraph 2.36. 1, 2, and 3.

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Bidders are required to provide all labor, transportation, supervision, and incidentals necessary to complete the services, per cycle, as indicated in this Invitation to Bid.

Contractor shall provide:

- A. Project Manager for this contract to act as a liaison with the County. The project manager shall speak English.
- A. An experienced landscape maintenance supervisor or supervisors to oversee the work, throughout the service cycle Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. In the event of an emergency (acts of God) the maintenance supervisor or supervisors should supply a telephone number to the Special Tax Districts Division Zone Manager or his designee for quick communications 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. It is mandatory, for quick communication accessibility.

Bidder shall perform planning, coordination, inspections, quality control, on a weekly basis and report findings to the Zone Managers for Special Tax Districts Division, as required herein.

Contractor shall complete all tasks in a continuous manner within each cycle per District. Mowing, trimming, edging and other related tasks shall follow each other, one after the other, so that they are completed within the allotted time per District.

Special Tax Districts Division personnel shall inspect work performed by contractor on a daily basis.

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The Zone Managers for Special Tax Districts Division can be reached at phone number (305) 386-5239 or facsimile (305) 386-6166.

3.2 SERVICE CYCLE, FREQUENCY & SCHEDULE:

The following service cycle tasks shall be performed twenty-eight (28), times as specified on the bid submittal forms, (except litter control, hedge trimming, and annual flower bed maintenance), as specified within this paragraph.

Service cycles will be performed as follows:

- During the rainy season; June through September, there will be three (3) service cycle-cuts per month (for a total of twelve (12) cuts).
- During the dry season; October through May, there will be two (2) service cycle-cuts per month (for a total of sixteen (16) cuts).

Service Cycle Tasks:

A. Turf Maintenance:

1. All leaves, litter, rocks, trash, garbage, and debris shall be removed from turf areas before mowing.
2. All mower blades shall be sharp enough to cut, rather than tear, grass blades.
3. Mowing shall not be performed when weather or other conditions would cause damaged turf.
4. All mowers are to be adjusted to the proper cutting height and level for the turf areas. Mowing height shall be at 3" to 3.5" inches, except as directed by the Special Tax Districts Division's Zone Manager or his designee for special circumstances. Height measurement shall be from level grade with the blade surface parallel and level to the ground.
5. Mowing shall produce a smooth surface appearance over-all without scalping or leaving any missed uncut grass.
6. Remove all grass clippings, leaves and debris produced by mowing on the same day as mowed; cut grass shall not remain on any site overnight.
7. Mowing shall be performed carefully so as not to "bark" trees, palms and shrubs, intrude into ground cover beds and decorative rock beds, displace mulch and

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decorative rock or damage the irrigation system, landscape lighting, pavement or any other property.

B. Trimming:

All string line trimmers (weed eaters) shall have rock shields. All grass shall be trimmed with weed eaters immediately following mowing. Trim at same height that grass was mowed. Trim around all obstacles and vertical surfaces such as poles, control boxes, fences, curbs, buildings, walls, electric boxes, irrigation heads, uneven or jagged edged pavement or other objects as required by the Special Tax District Division Zone Manager or his designee. Trimming debris shall be removed daily.

C. Edging:

After each mowing, use a mechanical edger to edge to a neat, uniform, vertical line at all grass abutting curbs, sidewalks, driveways, flush-paved surfaces, etc., as well as at shrubs, ground covers beds, hedges, trees, palms or other objects as required by the Special Tax District Division Zone Manager or his designee. Edging and dirt debris produced shall be swept-up and removed daily.

D. Mulching:

Contractor shall maintain mulch rings extending approximately 18" to 48" inches from the trunk of trees and palms, depending on their size and surface roots. Mulch will be applied a minimum depth of 4 inches, at all times.

Maintain a strip extending approximately twelve (12") inches from all hedge and shrub material and apply mulch to a minimum depth of two (2") inches, at all times.

Maintain a strip extending approximately twelve (12") inches from the border of all ground cover beds. This border is to be mulched with approved mulch to a minimum depth of two (2') inches, at all times. Do not mulch strips along decorative rock beds.

Mulch requirement:

1. Red mulch, as per the Mulch and Soil Council, Certified Mulch and Soil Products approved products list. See www.mulchandsoilcouncil.org/productcert/consumer/certifiedm.html.
2. White egg rock, 1½ 2 in. to 3 in. quartz rock. Total installed thickness of egg rock layer shall be approximately 3 inch.
3. Red brick mulch, ½ in. to 2 in. diameter.

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Note: Sample of red mulch, white egg rocks, and red brick mulch shall be submitted to a Special Tax Districts Division Zone Manager for approval prior to installation. Prospective bidders shall supply name of manufacturer and product number.

E. Hedge Trimming:

All trimming is to be in proportion to the dimensions of the hedge/palm/shrub using horticultural sound principles. Pruning and trimming is to be performed during each service cycle, as needed to maintain the formal or informal character of the landscape.

Use sharp manual or mechanical hedge trimmers to:

Trim all hedges to maintain neat, geometric forms in size, shape and form as existing.

Trim or prune plant material to ensure unobstructed sidewalks, passageways, signs, furniture, curbs, bus bays, fences, windows, etc.

Prune suckers, sprouts and dead and/or broken branches.

Hedges will be cut even and straight. When possible, the sidewalk's edge will be used as a guide. All hedges will be kept at a height of no more than 6' feet per County specification. Hedges shall be kept healthy and insect-free.

F. Tree Pruning and Trimming:

All pruning and trimming is to be performed once between May-June (prior to Hurricane Season) to maintain a minimum canopy height of 10' on pedestrian path and 14' on streets. Trees will also be pruned to allow for aeration and proper growth. Tree trimming should be done under the supervision of a State of Florida Certified Arborist.

1. Pruning Practices:

All pruning shall be done in accordance with the ANSI A300 Standards as described in Tree Pruning Guidelines published by International Society of Arborists (ISA). These guidelines include but are not limited to:

- a. Use clean sharp cutting tools designated for pruning.
- b. Cut limbs without disturbing the branch ridge or the branch collar. Do not leave stubs.

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- c. All branches too large to support with one hand. Should be precut (lower side of branch) to avoid splitting or tearing of the bark. Where necessary, ropes or other equipment should be used to lower branches to the ground.
- d. Remove from all trees as necessary any vines attached to the trunk up to 12 ft.
- e. Special emphasis will be placed on safety during tree pruning operations particularly when working over or adjacent to roads, walkways and utility lines.
- f. Remove all tree cuttings from the site on the same day as cut.
- g. The use of machetes shall not be permitted.
- h. The use of hedge shears for pruning is **NOT** permitted.

Contractor shall clear trunk trees, at the directed heights, up to fifteen feet (15') from the ground. For trees of total height near or less than 15 feet, trim in proportion to the tree size.

Remove all palm fronds on palm trunks to provide a clear trunk and a 9:00 o'clock 3:00 o'clock configuration. This work is limited to palms whose "head" and fronds are 15 feet from the ground and lower.

G. Weeds and Vine Control:

All weeds and vines shall be removed (1) manually, (2) with chemicals, including pre and post emergence herbicides, (3) by mechanical means, or (4) any combination of these means from mulch rings and strips, decorative rock beds, shrubs, hedges, ground cover beds and paved areas. All chemicals used in weed control shall be provided by the contractor as part of their work at no additional cost to Special Tax District Division. Examples of paved areas are sidewalks, sidewalks, along and through fence lines, curbs, parking lots, expansion joints, cracks, paved areas, and areas adjacent to buildings, etc.

When chemicals are used to control weeds, use an approved herbicide that will kill the weed roots.

Contractor shall remove all exotic weed trees, as described Chapter 24 of the Miami-Dade County Code, with a trunk caliper of up to 4" inches when measured at a height of

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4' feet from the ground. Utilize a combination of mechanical removal and application of selective and non-selective pre and post emergent herbicides, per label direction, as required to keep the areas described above free of weeds.

H. Pest and Disease Control (Pesticides, Herbicides, etc.):

1. For plant material with pests or disease, the report shall include the name of the plant material, name of the pest or disease, chemical to be used, method of application and schedule for application (initial and follow).
2. Action for treating plant material with pest or disease shall be started as soon as possible and followed up with additional treatments as recommended.
3. Only products approved by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and registered and approved by the State of Florida shall be used.

I. Litter Control:

Litter pick-up shall be performed daily, at each site (Monday through Friday). The contractor shall remove all trash, leaves, litter, rocks, garbage landscape debris, glass, plastic, vehicle parts, etc.

Contractor shall remove and legally dispose of all debris including all adjacent paved surfaces daily.

J. Cleanup:

Contractor shall, on a daily basis, remove and dispose of legally, all collected material from litter control, landscape debris, other miscellaneous debris and materials generated from the performance of this contract.

K. Annual flowerbeds maintenance:

Annual flowerbeds maintenance shall be performed weekly.

Remove all weeds, grasses and dead, broken, damaged or unsightly plant or plant parts from flowerbeds. Remove all litter. Prune or trim to maintain beds height. Depending on the variety of annual selected, pinching of buds to promote bloom and to reduce fungus may be required. Maintenance of annual flowerbeds is included in the maintenance costs for each area submitted in the contractors bid proposal.

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3.3. FERTILIZER:

- A. Fertilize two (2) times per year in March, and July, or as directed by the Special Tax Districts Division Zone Manager or his designee. Application rate shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Prospective bidders shall provide a price for this service on Section 4, Bid Submittal Forms.
- B. Submit manufacturer's specification sheet for approval of product. Submit tags from bags of fertilizer used on site to the Special Tax Districts Division Zone Manager or his designee.
- C. Composition and Quality: All fertilizer shall be uniform in composition and dry. Granular fertilizer shall be free flowing and delivered in unopened bags, containers and/or boxes, which are fully labeled with the manufacturer's analysis.
- D. All fertilizer shall comply with the State of Florida fertilizer laws.

3.4 EMERGENCY LITTER/TRASH PICK-UP AND REMOVAL:

The work under this item consists of pickup and disposal of litter and trash similar in scope to litter pick-up requirement on each cycle, per District.

This emergency litter pick-up item requires a crew to ensure that the work to be performed is done in an expeditious manner, (i.e. one person alone cannot handle a heavy load). The crew will have all the necessary equipment to pick-up and legally dispose of litter and trash similar in scope to cycle requirements. No separate payment will be made for travel time to and from the site, (or to the disposal site) as well as for any tipping fees for legal disposal of debris. Prospective bidders shall provide a unit price for a three (3) men crew per hour work on the space provide in Section 4 Bid Submittal Form.

Note: Normal litter pickup, as specified within this document, is included in the per service cycle unit price bid price.

3.5 SAFETY:

Contractor agrees to perform all work outlined in the contract in such a manner as to meet all accepted standards for safe practices during the service; to safely maintain equipment, and mowing machines, and shall be in compliance with all local, County, State or other legal requirements including, but, not limited to full compliance with the applicable terms and safety orders of O.S.H.A., so as to protect all persons, including Contractor's employees,

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agents of the County, vendors, members of the public, or others, from injury, or damage to their property.

Miami-Dade County, reserves the right to issue immediate restraint or cease and desist orders to contractors, when unsafe or harmful acts are observed or reported, relative to the performance of the work under the contract.

Hazardous conditions, not caused or correctable by contractors are to be immediately reported to a Special Tax Districts Division Zone Manager or his designee.

SECTION 4
BID SUBMITTAL FORM

Submit Bid To:
CLERK OF THE BOARD
Stephen P. Clark Center
111 NW 1st Street
17th Floor, Suite 202
Miami, Florida 33128-1983

OPENING: 2:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 26, 2009



PLEASE QUOTE PRICES F.O.B. DESTINATION, FREIGHT ALLOWED, LESS TAXES,
DELIVERED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTE: Miami-Dade County is exempt from all taxes (Federal, State, Local). Bid price should be less all taxes. Tax Exemption Certificate furnished upon request.

Issued by: DPM
RC Purchasing Division

Date Issued: 08/11/2009

This Bid Submittal Consists of
Pages 33 through 38

Sealed bids subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Invitation to Bid and the accompanying Bid Submittal. Such other contract provisions, specifications, drawings or other data as are attached or incorporated by reference in the Bid Submittal, will be received at the office of the Clerk of the Board at the address shown above until the above stated time and date, and at that time, publicly opened for furnishing the supplies or services described in the accompanying Bid Submittal Requirement.

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A Bid Deposit in the amount of NA of the total amount of the bid shall accompany all bids

A Performance Bond in the amount of NA of the total amount of the bid will be required upon execution of the contract by the successful bidder and Miami-Dade County

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

ACCEPTED _____ HIGHER THAN LOW _____

NON-RESPONSIVE _____ NON-RESPONSIBLE _____

DATE B.C.C. _____ NO BID _____

ITEM NOS. ACCEPTED _____

COMMODITY CODE: **988-36**

Procurement Contracting Agent R. Campbell

FIRM NAME: _____

RETURN ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF BID SUBMITTAL PAGES AND
AFFIDAVITS. THE BIDDER MAY, AT BIDDER'S OPTION, ALSO PROVIDE THE
EXCEL FILE CONTAINING THE INFORMATION ON THE VENDOR PRICING
DOCUMENT ON CD or DISKETTE. THE FILE TO BE PROVIDED IS TO BE
DOWNLOADED AT <http://services.miamidade.gov/DPM/SolicitationList.aspx>

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOCAL PREFERENCE
ON PAGE 38 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM SHALL RENDER THE VENDOR
INELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE
FAILURE TO SIGN PAGE 38 OF SECTION 4, BID SUBMITTAL FORM, WILL RENDER
YOUR BID NON-RESPONSIVE

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

BID NO.: 9137-1/11

BID SUBMITTAL FOR:

LANDSCAPING AND LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SPECIAL
TAX DISTRICTS DIVISION

FIRM NAME: _____

Award will be made to the two Responsive and Responsible Bidders` offering the lowest price for items 1 through 8 in the aggregate.

<u>ESTIMATED QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>CYCLES</u>	<u>TOTAL PRICE</u>
1. 28 cycles	Allison Estates (SW 176 Street & SW 82 Avenue)	\$_____/cycle	X 28 =	\$_____
2. 28 cycles	Forestview (SW 178 Street & SW 134 Avenue)	\$_____/cycle	X 28 =	\$_____
3. 28 cycles	Genstar (NW 29 Street & NW 109 Avenue)	\$_____/cycle	X 28 =	\$_____
4. 28 cycles	Hainlin Reef North (SW 209 Street & SW 129 Avenue)	\$_____/cycle	X 28 =	\$_____
5. 28 cycles	Old Cutler Homes (Old Cutler Road & SW 109 Court)	\$_____/cycle	X 28 =	\$_____
6. 28 cycles	Goulds Hammock Estates (SW 224 Street & SW 111 Avenue)	\$_____/cycle	X 28 =	\$_____
7. 28 cycles	Olivia's Subdivision (SW 256 Street & SW 134 Avenue)	\$_____/cycle	X 28 =	\$_____
8. 28 cycles	Zamora's Grove (SW 262 Street & SW 134 Avenue)	\$_____/cycle	X 28 =	\$_____
Total Item 1-8: \$_____				

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FIRM NAME: _____

<p>Section 2, Para 2.30.2 Licenses:</p>	<p><u>The following Licenses are required per Section 2, Paragraph 2.30:</u></p> <p>Contractor shall have on staff a State of Florida Certified Arborist to bid on this contract.</p>	<p><u>Initial as Completed</u></p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Section 2, Para 2.30.3 Licenses:</p>	<p>Pesticide applicator license, Ornamental and Turf Category, issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Compliance Monitoring/Pesticide Certification Section (Florida Pesticide Law Chapter 487).</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>Section 2, Para 2.30.4 Licenses:</p>	<p>Pest Control Operator - Lawn and Ornamental Pest Control license, issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control. (Florida Structural Pest Control Law Chapter 482).</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p><u>Reference Section</u></p>	<p><u>Summarized Requirements</u></p>	<p><u>Initial as Completed</u></p>
<p>Section 2, Para 2.36.1</p>	<p>Statement of Experience:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>Section 2, Para 2.36.1</p>	<p>Technical Abilities:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>Section 2, Para 2.36.1</p>	<p>Three Business References:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

BID NO.: 9137-1/11

BID SUBMITTAL FOR:

**LANDSCAPING AND LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SPECIAL
TAX DISTRICTS DIVISION**

FIRM NAME: _____

Section 2, Para 2.36.1	Company Name: _____ _____	_____
Section 2, Para 2.36.1	Address and Phone Number: _____ _____	_____ _____
Section 2, Para 2.36.2	Employee identification and uniform requirements:	_____
Section 2, Para 2.36.3	Minimum equipment requirements: There will be a site visit to the awarded vendor/vendors facilities to see all the required equipments	_____

**SECTION 4
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**LANDSCAPING AND LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR
SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS DIVISION**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA

INSTRUCTIONS: COMPLETE PART I OR PART II, WHICHEVER APPLIES

PART I:

LIST BELOW ARE THE DATES OF ISSUE FOR EACH ADDENDUM RECEIVED IN
CONNECTION WITH THIS BID

Addendum #1, Dated _____

Addendum #2, Dated _____

Addendum #3, Dated _____

Addendum #4, Dated _____

Addendum #5, Dated _____

Addendum #6, Dated _____

Addendum #7, Dated _____

Addendum #8, Dated _____

PART II:

☐ NO ADDENDUM WAS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BID

FIRM NAME: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

TITLE OF OFFICER: _____



BID SUBMITTAL FORM

Bid Title: LANDSCAPING AND LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS DIVISION

By signing this Bid Submittal Form the Bidder certifies that it satisfies all legal requirements (as an entity) to do business with the County, including all Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics provisions in Section 2-11 of the Miami-Dade County Code. Any County employee or member of his or her immediate family seeking to contract with the County shall seek a conflict of interest opinion from the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission prior to submittal of a Bid response or application of any type to contract with the County by the employee or his or her immediate family and file a copy of that request for opinion and any opinion or waiver from the Board of County Commissioners with the Clerk of the Board. The affected employee shall file with the Clerk of the Board a statement in a form satisfactory to the Clerk disclosing the employee's interest or the interest of his or her immediate family in the proposed contract and the nature of the intended contract at the same time as or before submitting a Bid, response, or application of any type to contract with the County. Also a copy of the request for a conflict of interest opinion from the Ethics Commission and any corresponding opinion, or any waiver issued by the Board of County Commissioners, must be submitted with the response to the solicitation.

In accordance with Sec. 2-11.1(s) of the County Code as amended, prior to conducting any lobbying regarding this solicitation, the Bidder must file the appropriate form with the Clerk of the Board stating that a particular lobbyist is authorized to represent the Bidder. Failure to file the appropriate form in relation to each solicitation may be considered as evidence that the Bidder is not a responsible contractor.

The Bidder confirms that this Bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a Bid for the same goods and/or services and in all respects is without collusion, and that the Bidder will accept any resultant award. Further, the undersigned acknowledges that award of a contract is contingent upon vendor registration. Failure to register as a vendor within the specified time may result in your firm not being considered for award.

Pursuant to Miami-Dade County Ordinance 94-34, any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture or other legal entity having an officer, director, or executive who has been convicted of a felony during the past ten (10) years shall disclose this information prior to entering into a contract with or receiving funding from the County.

- ☐ Place a check mark here only if bidder has such conviction to disclose to comply with this requirement.

COUNTY USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP): Joint purchase and entity revenue sharing program

For the County's information, the bidder is requested to indicate, at 'A' and 'B' below, its general interest in participating in the Joint Purchase Program of the County User Access Program (UAP) described in Section 2.21 of this contract solicitation, if that section is present in this solicitation document. Vendor participation in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP is voluntary, and the bidder's expression of general interest at 'A' and 'B' below is for the County's information only and shall not be binding on the bidder.

- A. If awarded this County contract, would you be interested in participating in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP with respect to other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entities located within the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County?
 Yes _____ No _____
 and _____
- B. If awarded this County contract, would you be interested in participating in the Joint Purchase portion of the UAP with respect to other governmental, quasi-governmental or not-for-profit entities located outside the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County?
 Yes _____ No _____

LOCAL PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION: The responding vendor hereby attests, **by checking one of the following blocks**, that it is ☐, or is not ☐, a local business. For the purpose of this certification, a "local business" is a business located within the limits of Miami-Dade County (or Broward County in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between the two counties) that conforms with the provisions of Section 1.10 of the General Terms and Conditions of this solicitation and contributes to the economic development of the community in a verifiable and measurable way. This may include, but not be limited to, the retention and expansion of employment opportunities and the support and increase to the County's tax base. **Failure to complete this certification at this time (by checking the appropriate box above) shall render the vendor ineligible for Local Preference.**

Firm Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

Email Address: _____

FEIN No. ____/____-____/____/____/____/____

Prompt Payment Terms: ____% ____ days net ____ days
 (Please see paragraph 1.2 H of General Terms and Conditions)

***"By signing this document the bidder agrees to all Terms and Conditions of this Solicitation and the resulting Contract"**

Signature: _____
 (Signature of authorized agent)

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Failure to sign this page shall render your Bid non-responsive.



APPENDIX

AFFIDAVITS

FORMAL BIDS



Miami-Dade County
Department of Procurement Management
Affirmation of Vendor Affidavits

In accordance with Ordinance 07-143 amending Section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, effective June 1, 2008, vendors are required to complete a new Vendor Registration Package, including a Uniform Affidavit Packet (Vendor Affidavits Form), before being awarded a new contract. The undersigned affirms that the Vendor Affidavits Form submitted with the Vendor Registration Package is current, complete and accurate for each affidavit listed below.

Contract No. : _____ **Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN):** _____

Contract Title: _____

Affidavits and Legislation/ Governing Body

1.	Miami-Dade County Ownership Disclosure Sec. 2-8.1 of the County Code	6.	Miami-Dade County Vendor Obligation to County Section 2-8.1 of the County Code
2.	Miami-Dade County Employment Disclosure County Ordinance No. 90-133, amending Section 2-8.1(d)(2) of the County Code	7.	Miami-Dade County Code of Business Ethics Article 1, Section 2-8.1(f) and 2-11(b)(1) of the County Code through (6) and (9) of the County Code and County Ordinance No 00-1 amending Section 2-11.1(c) of the County Code
3.	Miami-Dade County Employment Drug-free Workplace Certification Section 2-8.1.2(b) f the County Code	8.	Miami-Dade County Family Leave Article V of Chapter 11 of the County Code
4.	Miami-Dade County Disability Non-Discrimination Article 1, Section 2-8.1.5 Resolution R182-00 amending R-385-95	9.	Miami-Dade County Living Wage Section 2-8.9 of the County Code
5.	Miami-Dade County Debarment Disclosure Section 10.38 of the County Code	10.	Miami-Dade County Domestic Leave and Reporting Article 8, Section 11A-60 11A-67 of the County Code

Printed Name of Affiant	Printed Title of Affiant	Signature of Affiant
Name of Firm		Date
Address of Firm	State	Zip Code

Notary Public Information

Notary Public – State of _____ County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of, _____, 20____.

by _____ He or she is personally known to me ☐ or has produced Identification ☐

Type of identification produced _____

Signature of Notary Public		Serial Number
Print or Stamp of Notary Public	Expiration Date	Notary Public Seal

In compliance with Miami-Dade County Ordinance 97-35, the Bidder shall submit with the bid proposal a detailed statement of its policies and procedures (use separate sheet if necessary) for awarding subcontractors in accordance with Section 1, Paragraph 1.15

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Signature _____

Date _____

**SUBCONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER LISTING
(Ordinance 97-104)**

Firm Name of Prime Contractor/Respondent: _____

Bid No.: _____ **Title:** _____

This form, or a comparable listing meeting the requirements of Ordinance No. 97-104 **MUST** be completed, signed and submitted by all bidders and respondents on County contracts for purchases of supplies, materials or services, including professional services which involve expenditures of \$100,000 or more, and all bidders and respondents on County or Public Health Trust construction contracts which involve expenditures of \$100,000 or more. A bidder or respondent who is awarded the contract shall not change or substitute first tier subcontractors or direct suppliers or the portions of the contract work to be performed or materials to be supplied from those identified, except upon written approval of the County.

This form, or a comparable listing meeting the requirements of Ordinance No. 97-104, **MUST** be completed, signed and submitted even though the bidder or proposer will not utilize subcontractors or suppliers on the contract. The bidder or proposer should enter the word "NONE" under the appropriate heading of sub form 100 in those instances where no subcontractors or suppliers will be used on the contract.

Business Name and Address of First Tier Subcontractor/Subconsultant	Principal Owner	Scope of Work to be Performed by Subcontractor/Subconsultant	(Principal Owner)	
			Gender	Race
Business Name and Address of Direct Supplier	Principal Owner	Supplies/Materials/Services to be Provided by Supplier	(Principal Owner)	
			Gender	Race

I certify that the representations contained in this Subcontractor/Supplier Listing are to the best of my knowledge true and accurate

Prime Contractor/Respondent's Signature

Print Name
(Duplicate if additional space is needed)

Print Title

Date

FORM 100

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
SIGNATURE	TITLE	

COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

Revised 11/20/08



SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM (SBE)
(Ordinance 05-29 and Administrative Order 3-41)

PARTICIPATION PROVISIONS

Applies to set-asides and/or subcontractor goals

Acknowledgement of an Agreement form*

See Appendix for further details.

DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

111 NW 1st STREET, 19th FLOOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

PHONE: (305) 375-3111 FAX: (305) 375-3160

Revised October 2008

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A. DEFINITIONS

The definitions in this section apply only to these Participation Provisions, hereafter referred to as "Provisions".

1. *Agreement* means a duly executed legally binding contract.
2. *Available* or *availability* means to have prior to bid submission, the ability to provide goods or services under a contract, by having:
 - a. Reasonably estimated, uncommitted capacity;
 - b. All necessary licenses, permits, registrations and certifications, including Small Business Enterprise (SBE) or Micro Enterprise certification to provide the type of goods or services being purchased under the contract;
 - c. The ability to obtain financing/insurance that is reasonably required and consistent with normal industry practice; and
 - d. The ability to otherwise meet bid specifications.
3. *Bid* means a quotation proposal, letter of interest or offer by any bidder in response to any kind of invitation, request or public announcement to submit such quotation, proposal, letter of interest or offer for a contract.
4. *Bidder* or *Proposer* means any person, partnership, corporation or other business entity that submits a bid or proposal.
5. *Board* means the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County, Florida.
6. *Certificate of Unavailability* means a document signed by an SBE stating that the SBE is not available to participate on a specific project at a specific time.
7. *Certification List* means a list maintained by the Department of Business Development that contains the names, addresses, and certification expiration date, of certified SBEs, sorted by trade, service, and/or commodity.
8. *Commercially Useful Function* means contractual responsibility for the execution of a distinct element of the work of a contract by a business enterprise and the carrying out of its contractual responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved other than acting as a broker. The determination of whether an activity is a commercially useful function shall include the evaluation of the amount of work subcontracted, normal industry practices, the skills, qualifications, or expertise of the

enterprise to perform the work, whether the business owner himself or herself performs, manages, and/or supervises the work involved, and other relevant factors.

9. *Compliance Monitor* means the Director of the Department of Business Development or designee assigned to review compliance in accordance with Ordinance 05-29 and Administrative Order 3-41.
10. *Contract* means an agreement for the purchase of goods or services, including professional services. Professional services as used in this section includes but is not limited to accounting, legal, health care, consulting and management services. Contract does not mean an agreement to purchase, lease, or rent real property; a grant, license, permit, franchise or a concession; an agreement to acquire professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural or land surveying and mapping services; or a contract for construction or construction management services.
11. *Contract Measure* means a contract set-aside, a subcontract goal, a bid preference, or a selection factor, singly or in any combination.
12. *Contracting Officer* means the person assigned under a contract, usually a department director or his or her designee, who prior to award manages the bid process or post award has primary responsibility to manage the contract and enforce contract requirements.
13. *County* means Miami-Dade County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.
14. *SBD* means the Department of Small Business Development.
15. *DPM* means the Department of Procurement Management.
16. *Goods* mean any tangible product, material or supply that is not a service.
17. *Joint venture* means an association of two or more persons, partnerships, corporations or other business entities under a contractual agreement to conduct a specific business enterprise for a specified period with both sharing profits and losses.
18. *Joint Venture Agreement* means a document submitted to SBD by a joint venture that provides information regarding the nature of the joint venture.
19. *MDC* means Miami-Dade County, Florida.
20. *Prompt Payment* is the intent of the Board that all firms, including SBEs and MicroEnterprises providing goods and services to the County, receive

- payments promptly in accordance with Ordinance 05-29, and Administrative Order 3-41.
21. *Review Committee* or *RC* means the committee established by the County Manager to review proposed contracts for the application of contract measures and for administrative and/or appeal hearings.
 22. *Service* means work offered for public or private consumption that does not consist primarily of goods.
 23. *Set-aside* means the designation of a given contract for competition among SBEs.
 24. *Small Business Enterprise (SBE)* means a business entity certified by SBD, providing goods or services, which has an actual place of business in Miami-Dade County and whose three year average gross revenues does not exceed \$5 million. The term Small Business Enterprise shall also include a manufacturer with one hundred (100) employees or less or wholesaler with fifty (50) employees or less without regard to gross revenues. Representations as to a business entity's average gross revenues and payroll shall be subject to audit.
 25. *Subcontractor goal* means a proportion of a total contract value stated as a percentage to be subcontracted to SBE(s) to perform a commercially useful function.
 26. *Successful Bidder* means the bidder to which the contract is awarded.
 27. *Utilization Report* means a report completed and submitted by the successful bidder on a contract with goals, listing all work performed in the past by the SBE identified on the Agreement.
 28. *Work* means the provision of goods or services.

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The bidder shall fully comply with these Provisions which implement Miami-Dade County Ordinance 05-29 and Administrative Order 3-41.
2. SBD monitors the compliance of the successful Bidder with the requirements of these Provisions during the course of the work to be performed under the contract.
3. Forms necessary for submittal of information pertaining to these Provisions are included in the appendix. Additional copies may be obtained at: Miami-Dade County Department of Small Business Development (SBD) at 111 N.W.

1st Street, 19th Floor, Miami, Florida 33128 or by telephone at (305) 375-3111, facsimile (305) 375-3160, online at www.miamidade.gov/sba.

C. CERTIFICATION

1. In order to participate as an SBE on this contract, an SBE must have a valid certification at the time of bid submittal, bid award, and throughout the duration of the contract.
2. Bidders shall use the most recent Certification List available prior to bid submission. Certification List may be obtained by contacting SBD at telephone number (305) 375-3111 during normal business hours or online www.miamidade.gov/sba.
3. The SBE firms on the Certification List will be identified by commodity code. An SBE must be certified in a commodity code and/or service area in order to be eligible to participate as an SBE on contracts in such commodity code and service area. In order to be eligible to participate as an SBE subcontractor, the SBE must be certified in the commodity code or service area in which they are to perform the work.
4. Bidders/Awardees are governed by the certification policies and procedures set forth by SBD for the certification of SBEs.
5. Joint Ventures: Only SBE joint ventures approved by SBD in accordance with Administrative Order 3-41 are eligible to participate as joint ventures in the Program. Joint ventures must be lawfully established. A joint venture is permissible only where the SBE lacks the necessary capacity to perform the contract on its own and the agreement is fair and equitable and will be of substantial benefit to the SBE. However, where SBD concludes that an SBE brings only its certification as contribution to the joint venture relationship SBD will not approve the joint venture. The small business member of the joint venture must be certified as an SBE before the joint venture can be approved.

D. APPLIED CONTRACT MEASURES

1. Set-asides
 - a. Set-asides are for bidding solely among SBEs. AN SBE awarded a set-aside contract shall not transfer to a non-SBE through subcontracting or otherwise, any part of the actual work of the contract unless the bid documents expressly and specifically require and/or permit such transfer as consistent with normal industry practice, or the SBE requests and receives prior to bid award an approval letter from SBD.

- b. If the SBE is using subcontractors to meet a portion of the set-aside on a contract, an Agreement is required and is subject to the requirements for the submittal of Agreements of Section D.2.c.
 - c. An SBE may perform 100% of the set-aside with its own workforce.
 - d. Bids that contain a defective Agreement shall be allowed up to 48 hours from bid submission to cure correctable defects. Correctable defects may include, but are not limited to: SBE percentage not indicated, prime or subcontractor failed to sign the Agreement, or calculation errors.
 - e. Bidders that fail to correct defects in the Agreement within 48 hours after bid submission shall be non-responsive.
2. Subcontractor goals
- a. Bid documents to which a subcontractor goal is applied shall require bidders to submit a signed Agreement at the time of bid submission identifying all SBEs to be utilized to meet the subcontractor goal. Each Agreement shall be in writing, shall be executed by the bidder and the SBE, and shall specify the scope of work, percentage of services the SBE will provide, and commodity code the SBE will perform. The Agreement constitutes a written representation by the bidder that to the best of the bidders' knowledge the SBEs listed are available and have agreed to perform as specified, or that the Bidder will demonstrate unavailability. Upon notification from SBD, bidders/proposers shall be allowed up to 48-hours after bid submission to cure correctable defects in the Agreement. Correctable defects may include, but are not limited to: SBE percentage not indicated, prime or subcontractor failed to sign the Agreement, or calculation errors. Failure to submit an Agreement and SBE joint venture agreement, if applicable, shall deem a bid non-responsive.
 - b. The Agreement shall incorporate;
 - i. The scope of work to be performed by the SBE; and
 - ii. The percentage of services the SBE will provide; and
 - iii. The prompt payment obligation; and
 - iv. The SBE joint venture Agreement; if applicable
 - c. A bidder that is an SBE may meet up to 100% of the subcontractor goal with its own workforce.

- d. A bidder challenging or protesting the subcontractor goal must submit to the office or person to whom the bid is submitted, no later than the time of bid submission, written reasons for such challenge or protest. Challenges or protests to an SBE subcontractor goal by bidders after the time of bid submission, or challenges based on reasons not previously provided in writing prior to bid submission, shall not be heard by the County Commission.
- e. After a bid is advertised with a subcontractor goal, it may be reduced only with the approval of the County Commission.
- f. Expenditures to subcontracting SBEs shall be counted toward meeting specified goals as follows:
 - i. One hundred percent (100%) of the expenditures to SBEs, that perform a commercially useful function in the supply of goods or services required for fulfillment of the contract;
 - ii. One hundred percent (100%) of the expenditures to SBEs that subcontract work further to non-SBEs only if bid documents expressly and specifically permit such subcontracting as consistent with normal industry practice, or the bidder or SBE requests and receives prior to bid award an approval letter from SBD.
 - iii. One hundred percent (100%) of the expenditures to SBEs who are vendors, working as subcontractors, that perform actual work with their own force;
 - iv. None of the expenditures to SBEs that act essentially as a conduit to transfer funds to a non-SBE unless bid documents expressly and specifically permit such transfers as consistent with normal industry practice or the bidder or SBE requests and receives prior to bid award an approval letter.
- g. To prove lack of availability, at time of bid submission, bidders must submit the following:
 - i. Certificate of Unavailability (Form No. SBD 502) either completed and signed by the SBEs or completed and signed by the bidder explaining the contacts with the SBE's statement or actions of the SBEs showing unavailability, and the reason(s) why the SBE's signature could not be obtained; and
 - ii. A listing of any bids received from SBEs, the scope of work and price of each bid, and the bidder's reasons for rejecting each bid; and

- iii. A statement of the bidder's contacts with SBD for assistance in determining available SBEs; and
- iv. A complete description of the bidder's process for soliciting and evaluating bids from SBEs; and
- v. Bidders may establish an SBE as unavailable if the bidder provides evidence proving the SBE's bid is not reasonably competitive with comparable bids of non-SBEs, for the same scope of work.

E. PRE-AWARD COMPLIANCE

- 1. The Compliance Monitor reviews bids for compliance with these Provisions on every contract on which an SBE set-aside and/or subcontractor goal has been applied.
- 2. When there is non-compliance with these Provisions, the Compliance Monitor notifies the bidder in writing, stating the facts and the reasons on which the non-compliance is based. Upon notification from SBD, the bidder may request a meeting in writing within two business days from the date of the notification of non-compliance. If requested, the bidder shall supply further relevant information as required by the Compliance Monitor. However, no new or altered agreement will be accepted.
- 3. Upon completion of its compliance review, the Compliance Monitor shall issue a written recommendation to the Contracting Officer that includes facts and reasons for the bidder's compliance or non-compliance.
- 4. The Contracting Officer, in conjunction with the Compliance Monitor, may conduct an informal meeting with the respondent. Other parties may be invited to offer information relevant to the issue of the respondent's non-compliance.
- 5. The Contracting Officer shall in writing determine whether the bidder complies with the requirements of these Provisions and whether to recommend to the County Manager that the contract be awarded to the bidder. Such recommendation shall not restrict the Board of County Commissioners from rejecting the bid for any reason or to take such action at the recommendation of the Contracting Officer as the Board deems appropriate.

F. PROMPT PAYMENT

- 1. All firms, including SBEs and Micro Enterprises providing goods and services to the County, shall receive payments promptly in order to maintain sufficient cash flow.

2. Invoices from SBE prime vendors shall be promptly reviewed and payment made by the County or Public Health Trust, where applicable, on those amounts not in dispute within 30 calendar days of invoices.
3. A prime vendor on a contract with SBE measures shall include in its invoices to the County or Public Health Trust, where applicable, copies of undisputed invoices from SBE subcontractors within 14 calendar days of receipt of such invoices, or by the next scheduled invoice, whichever comes first. The prime vendor shall pay those amounts not in dispute to subcontracting SBEs within 2 days of receipt of payment from the County. If the prime vendor fails to submit undisputed invoices from an SBE to the County as specified herein or chooses not to submit any invoice to the County pursuant to the invoice schedule, the prime vendor must pay the full amount of the received SBE invoice by the next invoice cycle or 40 calendar days from receipt, whichever is less.
4. The County or prime vendor in direct privity with an SBE on a contract with SBE measures must notify the SBE and SBD, in writing, of those amounts billed by the SBE which are in dispute, and the specific reasons why they are in dispute, within fourteen (14) calendar days of submittal of such invoice, or by the next scheduled invoice whichever comes first. Failure of the County or prime vendor to comply with the applicable requirements of this subsection shall result in the forfeiture of the right to use the dispute as justification for not paying the SBE and payment shall be forthcoming from the County or prime vendor as appropriate by the next invoice date or 40 calendar days from receipt of invoice date, whichever is less.
5. An SBE may invoice the County or prime vendor, as appropriate, 1% interest per month for any undisputed amount that is not promptly paid.

G. POST AWARD COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

1. SBD shall monitor and enforce the compliance of the vendor with the requirements of the Administrative Order, and any related program requirements during the duration of the contract and may monitor for up to one year after notice of completion of the work or full payment of contract obligations, whichever comes last.
2. Successful Bidders and SBEs/Micro Enterprises shall permit the County to have access during normal business hours to all books and records relating to the compliance with the contract measure applied to the contract or relating to compliance with certification requirements. This right of access shall be granted for one year after completion of the work or full payment of contract obligations, whichever comes last, or for one year after the expiration of SBE certification.

3. Successful Bidders and SBEs/Micro Enterprises shall permit the County to have access to employees performing work during normal business hours in order to conduct visual inspections and interviews that may be conducted privately when necessitated by County staff.
4. Successful Bidders and SBEs/Micro Enterprises shall comply with all reporting requirements established by SBD. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements may result in the imposition of contractual sanctions or administrative penalties by the County.
5. In the event that during the performance of a contract containing an SBE subcontractor goal, an SBE is not able to provide the services specified in the Agreement submitted at the time of bid, the Successful Bidder must locate an SBE to substitute. The Successful Bidder must receive approval for substitution from SBD. A Successful Bidder that cannot secure a substitute SBE must provide a written statement to the Compliance Monitor.
6. The Compliance Monitor shall be responsible for monitoring the performance of the Successful Bidder regarding compliance with a contract measure applied to the contract. The Compliance Monitor may, at his or her discretion, investigate deviations in the utilization of SBEs from that required by the contract and make recommendations regarding compliance to the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer shall not make a final determination without a recommendation regarding compliance from the Compliance Monitor. Deviations from the contract measure stated in the contract that shall be monitored include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Termination of an SBE's Agreement;
 - b. Reduction in the scope of work to be performed by an SBE
 - c. Modifications to the terms of payment or price to be paid to an SBE
 - d. Failure to enter into a contract with an SBE being utilized to meet a contract measure.
7. If, after execution of an agreement, the Successful Bidder submits a written request to the Contracting Officer and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer that, as a result of a change in circumstances beyond his/her control of which he/she was not aware and could not reasonably have been aware, until subsequent to the date of execution of such subcontract, an SBE, who entered into such subcontract has committed a material breach of the agreement, the Successful Bidder shall be entitled to exercise such rights as may be available to him/her to terminate the Agreement.
8. County's Determination of Bidder's Excuse or Termination.

If the Successful Bidder at any time submits a written request to the Contracting Officer under the prior two paragraphs, the Contracting Officer as soon as practicable, shall determine whether the Successful Bidder has made the requisite demonstration, and shall not determine that such a demonstration has not been made without first providing the Successful Bidder, upon notice, an opportunity to present pertinent information and arguments.

9. Alternative Subcontracts

If the Successful Bidder is excused from entering into a subcontract or rightfully terminates a subcontract under the Administrative Order and without such subcontract the Successful Bidder will not achieve the level of SBE participation upon which the contract was awarded, the Successful Bidder shall make every reasonable effort to propose and enter into an alternative subcontract or subcontracts for the same work to be performed by another available SBE as appropriate, for a subcontract price or prices totaling not less than the subcontract price under the excused or terminated subcontract, less all amounts previously paid there under. The Successful Bidder must submit to the Compliance Officer an Agreement with the new SBE and provide all documentation required by the County. A successful bidder that cannot secure a substitute SBE must provide all supporting documentation required by the County as detailed previously in this document (Section D.2.g).

- a. The Compliance Monitor may require the Successful Bidder to produce such information, as the Compliance Monitor deems appropriate and may obtain further information from other sources. The Compliance Monitor shall make his/her recommendation under this paragraph to the Contracting Officer and forward a copy to the bidder.
- b. The Contracting Officer will consider objections to the Compliance Monitor's recommendation only if such written objections are received by the Contracting Officer within five business days from the Successful Bidder's receipt of the Compliance Monitor's recommendation. The Contracting Officer with or without a hearing, and as he/she in his/her discretion may determine, will reply to the Successful Bidder's written objection within ten business days of receipt of these objections.

H. CONTRACTUAL SANCTIONS

1. Bid and contract documents shall provide that, notwithstanding any other penalties or sanctions provided by law, a bidder's violation of or failure to

comply with the Small Business Enterprise Program Ordinance and Administrative Order may result in the imposition of one or more of the following sanctions:

- a. The suspension of any payment or part thereof until such time as the issues concerning compliance are resolved;
 - b. Work stoppage;
 - c. Termination, suspension, or cancellation of the contract in whole or part;
 - d. Loss of SBE certification.
2. In the event a bidder or SBE attempts to comply with the provisions of the SBE ordinance through fraud, misrepresentation, or material misstatement, the County shall, whenever practicable, terminate the contract or require the termination or cancellation of the subcontract for the project on which the bidder or SBE committed such acts. In addition, and as a further sanction, the County may impose any of the above-stated sanctions on any other contracts and subcontracts the bidder or SBE has on other County projects. In each instance, the bidder or SBE shall be responsible for all direct and indirect costs associated with such termination or cancellation including attorney's fees and costs. The bidder or SBE may also be subject to debarment.
3. The foregoing notwithstanding, the County Manager shall include language in all prospective projects containing an SBE goal which provides that, in addition to any other sanction for failure to fulfill the SBE goal requirements for such contract, the contractor's eligibility to receive any future County contract shall be conditioned upon the contractor making up the deficit in SBE participation in such future contract by having SBEs perform work equal to double the dollar value of the deficiency in the SBE goal in the prior contract.
4. The foregoing obligation shall be in addition to any SBE goal otherwise applicable to the future contract. The procedures for making up the SBE deficit shall follow SBD policy.
5. Some of the contractual violations that may result in the imposition of sanctions listed in the administrative order include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. An SBE serving as a conduit for SBE work awarded to a firm as an SBE, but which is being performed by a non-SBE firm;
 - b. A prime vendor not meeting an SBE contract measure;

- c. Not obtaining or retaining SBE certification while performing work designated for SBE firms;
 - d. Failure to timely submit utilization reports;
 - e. Failure to comply with SBE certification requirements, including not maintaining a place of business in Miami-Dade County, not reporting organizational and operational changes, providing inaccurate or false information, and other certification related violations;
 - f. Failure to maintain certification;
 - g. Deviations from the SBE agreement without prior approval from SBD;
 - h. Termination of the SBE's agreement without prior approval from SBD;
 - i. Reduction of the scope of work of the SBE subcontract without prior approval from SBD; or
 - j. Modifications to the terms and/or prices of payment to an SBE without prior approval from SBD
- I. Administrative Penalties
- Administrative penalties may range from de-certification to debarment.
- J. Appeals Process
- A respondent may initiate the appeals process after administrative penalties are imposed.
- K. APPENDIX
- 1. Forms
 - a. Certificate of Unavailability SBD 502
 - b. Utilization Report SBD 503

APPENDIX A



Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Certificate of Unavailability

RFP/BID No. _____

(Name of Prime Contractor)

(Firm Name)

(Address)

(Telephone No.)

I contacted the _____ to obtain a bid for work items to be

***SBE Firm**

performed on Miami-Dade County project but, the SBE firm was unavailable to perform or submit a bid due to the following reasons:

- a. _____ SBE firm did not respond to the invitation.
- b. _____ SBE firm was not available to work.
- c. _____ SBE firm was not the lowest acceptable bidder.

Prime not meeting the goal must provide details of their efforts in soliciting to SBE firms, i.e., advertising, personal calls, mailing lists, etc. Information provided will be verified. Attach all supporting documents such as newspaper ads, phone lists, mailing lists, etc.

If you did not get any responses to your solicitation of SBE firms contractors, please detail your efforts to recruit eligible firms, i.e., advertising, personal calls, mailing lists, etc. Information provided will be verified. Attach all supporting documents such as newspaper ads, phone lists, mailing lists, etc.

(Prime Contractor Signature)

(Date)

Title

*If multiple SBE firms are contacted, please make additional copies as deemed necessary.

Instructions for the Monthly Utilization Report (MUR)

FINAL: Indicate if MUR is the final submission (Final MUR should be submitted upon the completion and final payment of project)

Reporting Period: The period for which the MUR payment information is being submitted

Project Name: The assigned project name as it is identified in the contract documents

Project Number: The assigned project number as it is identified in the contract documents

Project Location: The address or descriptive location of project work site

Projected Start Date: Notice to Proceed Date or date of work commencement

CSBE Project Measures: Percentage of measure applicable to this project (enter value in appropriate measure type)

Prime Contractor: Name of Awardee, Address and Phone Number

Contract Award Date: Date of contract award

Contract Award Amount: The dollar amount awarded in the contract documents

Change Order Amount: The total dollar value of all approved change orders

Contract Period: Total number of days of Contract as listed in contract documents and all approved Change Orders

% Complete To Date: The Proportion of work that has been completed for this project stated as a percentage

Completion Date: The anticipated date project will be completed

Amount Requisitioned this Period: The dollar amount billed to MDC for work performed during the listed reporting period

Date Requisitioned: The date requisitioned amount was submitted to MDC

Total Amount Requisitioned to Date: The total dollar amount requisitioned for work performed during reporting period

Last Payment by Miami Dade County (MDC): The last dollar amount paid to Prime by MDC for reporting period

Date of Last Payment by MDC: The date of the last payment by MDC for the reporting period

Was last MDC payment within 14 days of Prime's requisition: Check YES if payment by MDC was made within 14 days of prime's requisition; Check NO if payment by MDC was not made within 14 days of prime's undisputed requisition

Did last MDC Payment Equal Requisition Amount: If requisition was paid in full check YES; if requisition amount was not paid in full check NO and explain reasons for payment difference in space provided

Total Amount Paid by MDC: The total amount paid to date by MDC in reporting period for the reporting period

Name of CSBE: The legal name of all subcontractor(s) meeting a goal listed on the Prime's Schedule of Intent (SOI) or Set-aside List of Subcontractor(s)

Tier (1, 2, 3, 4): The level of subcontractor participation (Tier 1 = subcontractor has a contract with the Prime; Tier 2 = subcontractor has a contract with the Tier 1 Subcontractor; Tier 3 = Subcontractor has a contract with the Tier 2 subcontractor; Tier 4 = subcontractor has a contract with the Tier 3 subcontractor)

Contract Period: The anticipated start and end dates of the subcontractor(s)

Goal % If Applicable: The goal percentage that is being fulfilled by subcontractor(s)

Description of Work: A brief description of the scope of work to be performed by subcontractor(s)

Instructions for the Monthly Utilization Report (MUR)

Signed Contract Agreement: Check if Prime has a signed contract agreement with subcontractor listed.

Contract Amount: The dollar value of Subcontractors' Agreement (if different from SOI, a new SOI must be submitted)

Amount Requisitioned this Period: Actual dollar amount requisitioned by the subcontractor(s) during the listed reporting period

Date of Requisition (from Sub): The date of the requisition submitted by subcontractor for payment during this submittal period

Amount Requisitioned to Date: Total dollar amount requisitioned as of reporting period by the subcontractor(s)

Last Payment: The last dollar amount paid to subcontractor(s) for the reporting period

Last Payment Date: The date of last payment of subcontractor(s) for the reporting period

Was last payment within 2 days of MDC payment to prime: "Y" for Yes if payment to subcontractor(s) was made within 2 days of MDC payment to prime; "N" for No if payment to subcontractor(s) was not made within 2 days of MDC payment to prime

Paid to Date: The total amount paid to the subcontractor(s)

Total: The total of each column where applicable

Executed by: The signature and printed name of the CEO, President, or an officer of the company, legally authorized to represent the prime

Date: Current Date

Phone: Phone number that signing officer may be reached

Sworn before me: Notary Information

MONTHLY UTILIZATION REPORT
SBE

FINAL

This report is required to be submitted by the tenth day or before of each month to Miami Dade County (MDC). If project has not started, enter anticipated start date in the space provided. Failure to comply may result in proceedings to impose sanctions, in addition to any other available legal remedy. Sanctions may include the suspending of any payment or part thereof, termination or cancellation of the contract, and the denial to participate in any future contracts awarded by MDC.

REPORTING PERIOD		PROJECT NAME:				SBE PROJECT MEASURES
TO :		PROJECT NUMBER:		PROJECTED START DATE:	%	
FROM:		PROJECT LOCATION:				SET-ASIDE GOALS

PRIME CONTRACTOR				CONTRACT AWARD DATE	CONTRACT AWARD AMOUNT	CHANGE ORDER AMOUNT	CONTRACT PERIOD	% COMPLETE TO DATE	COMPLETION DATE
NAME:		PHONE:							
ADDRESS:									

AMOUNT REQUISITIONED THIS PERIOD: \$

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUISITIONED TO DATE: \$

LAST PAYMENT BY Miami Dade County (MDC): \$

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY MDC: \$

DATE REQUISITIONED:

DATE OF LAST PMT BY MDC:

Was last MDC pmt. within 14 days of Prime's requisition? YES ☐ NO ☐

DID LAST MDC PMT. EQUAL	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
REQUISITION AMOUNT?	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

IF NO PLEASE EXPLAIN:

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) OPPORTUNITIES												
NAME OF SBE	TIER 1,2, 3, 4	CONTRACT PERIOD		DESCRIPTION OF WORK	CONTRACT AMOUNT	AMOUNT REQUISITIONED THIS PERIOD	DATE OF REQUISITION (FROM SUB)	AMOUNT REQUISITIONED TO DATE	LAST PAYMENT	LAST PAYMENT DATE	Was last pmt. within 2 days of MDC payment to Prime? (Y/N)	PAID TO DATE
		START DATE	END DATE									
					TOTAL							

Executed by:

Signature of Affiant

Printed Name of Affiant

Date _____

Sworn before me:

This _____ Day of _____ 20____

Phone

For DBD Use Only: CRC _____ MTA _____



Acknowledgement of an Agreement Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program

In response to Miami-Dade County's RFP/RFQ/Bid No. _____, the undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt and accepts the requirements of the applicable SBE subcontractor goal measure to utilize the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firm(s) listed below; if awarded the contract. **The undersigned must enclose with the bid/proposal submittal a signed SBE Agreement as required by the SBE Participation Provisions.** This form or any other form contained in this solicitation does not represent the 'Agreement' as required by Section 2 of the SBE Participation Provisions.

Name of Prime Contractor/Owner or Authorized Representative	Firm Name
Street Address	Telephone No.
Name of SBE Subcontractor*	

SBE Certification No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature of Prime Contractor/Owner or Authorized Representative

**If multiple SBE firms are to be utilized, please make additional copies as deemed necessary.*

For further information, contact the Department of Small Business Development (SBD) at 305-375-3111.

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